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**Тема:** Paraphrasing in the English Language

Nowadays the process of teaching is directed into practical usage of the English language. That’s why the role of the writing is really high. The written speech helps to memorize material and improve speaking and reading; also it develops logical and creative thinking. Writing is the important assistant in acquiring of vocabulary and grammar and, definitely, it is not only the mean of the teaching but also the aim. We can find the checking of the writing skills in exams, too.

So, the formation of the communicative skills in writing is highly required in the English teaching.

And teacher’s aim is to find ways for raising the effectiveness of the teaching writing. As the result, senior pupils show not very high level of these skills. They have no ability to express full opinion productively. They have some difficulties in the usage of the accurate grammar and vocabulary. It is clear that the learners cannot paraphrase the English sentences correctly.

Paraphrasing plays a basic role in writing development, as it forms the ability to express the sense of the sentence by other words and grammar constructions. Most learners have difficulties in this sphere because they are not prepared for this activity. That’s why it’s very important to find ways and forms, which help to develop the ability of the English paraphrasing. Effective paraphrase usage should lead to successful writing of any creative task such as report, project or essay.

There is a great amount of paraphrasing types, which can be divided into two types: grammatical and lexical.

One of the widespread ways of the lexical paraphrase is the usage of the synonyms. “Synonym is a word or phrase that has the same or [almost](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/almost) the same [meaning](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/meaning) as another word or phrase in the same [language](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/language)” (definition is taken from Cambridge Dictionary for Advanced learners). But in practice the word should be considered in context, because the word has its own stylistic and sense meaning.

We can offer one of the tasks for paraphrasing on the base of the read text.

**Task A** Circle the word that can replace the highlighted word without changing the meaning. .

My life was all about dealing with **(0) complaints**, meeting deadlines and writing reports.

**Given variants:** rumbles silence compliments

The leaner should pay attention on the contextual meaning of the word, too.

Sometimes the usage of the antonyms is possible.

Paraphrasing with the help of the speech constructions is one of the effective ways to express your thought with other words. We can use speech and expressive phrases. Combining them with grammar constructions and synonyms, give opportunity to paraphrase any sentence, expressing the idea of it fully and clearly.

Let’s consider such kind of task.

**Task B** Paraphrase the phrase without changing its meaning.

Travel broadens the mind. (**Possible answer:** There is no better way to broaden the mind than by travelling.)

One more type of paraphrase is the paraphrasing with the help of grammar structures. Sometimes, especially during the exam, it is very hard to find the appropriate synonym. In this situation it is better to use paraphrase with the help of grammar constructions, which, as a rule, gives good results, too.

**Task C** Paraphrase sentences with the help of correct grammar constructions.

Robots will soon replace people in all jobs. (**Possible answer:** People will be soon replaced by robots in all jobs soon) The Passive Voice is used here.

So, we can definitely say that the usage of these techniques in complex meaningfully makes the process of paraphrasing easier.

In conclusion, we would like to say that the offered techniques of paraphrasing can be considered as one of the effective way for raising the effectiveness of the English teaching in writing and speaking. Learning of these techniques makes possible to find easily the appropriate word or the correct grammar construction and it helps to make excellent reports, projects and essays.