CLASS VIII – ENGLISH

PARAPHRASING

Paraphrasing is restating someone else's ideas or information in your own words without changing the original meaning. It involves changing the sentence structure and vocabulary, and is different from quoting, which uses the exact words. For example, the original sentence, "My car was hit by a delivery van as I was driving through the intersection," can be paraphrased as, "A delivery van hit my car while I was driving through the intersection".

Meaning

Restating in new words: Paraphrasing is about expressing the same idea using different words and sentence structure.

Maintaining meaning: The core message of the original text must be preserved.

Different from quoting: A paraphrase is a reworded version, while a quote uses the original wording within quotation marks.

Used for clarity: It is a skill used to simplify, clarify, or reframe a passage for a different context or for your own understanding.

Examples

Simple example:

Original: "The cat is big."

Paraphrase: "The feline is large".

More detailed example:

Original: "I was mad when she started spreading rumors, making inappropriate comments, and disrespecting other guests at our dinner".

Paraphrase: "Her behavior at the dinner party, which included spreading rumors, making inappropriate comments, and showing disrespect, made me angry".

Active/Passive voice example:

Original: "My car was hit by a delivery van as I was driving through the intersection" (passive voice).

Paraphrase: "A delivery van hit my car as I was driving through the intersection" (active voice).

Everyday example:

Original: "The weather was very rainy, so he decided to pack accordingly. He brought rain boots, an umbrella, and a waterproof jacket. Although there was heavy cloud cover, the news said it was going to lighten up by the afternoon, so he packed his favorite sunglasses".

Paraphrase: "He packed for the rainy day, and also brought sunglasses in case it cleared up".