

## The Changing Nature of the Family (Unit 7)

### Paraphrasing

Summary writing often requires the writer to restate an author's ideas. It is very important to restate the author's ideas in your own words while keeping true to the author's ideas. This is called **paraphrasing**. (Note: When you choose to use author's direct words, you must use quotation marks.)

Author's Own Words	Paraphrased Text												
<p>"As industry replaces agriculture as the main form of work, younger family members typically leave the farms and rural villages and move to the cities where jobs are located, often weakening ties with those left behind."</p> <p>When using a direct quote, use these punctuation rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lift the quote directly as is from the text. Do not change the capitalization or punctuation.</li> <li>2. Place a comma before the quote: Popenoe concludes that, "The decline of the extended family is thus promoted by the changing nature of work."</li> <li>3. Place the final punctuation mark at the end of the sentence before the final quotation mark: Popenoe concludes that, "The decline of the extended family is thus promoted by the changing nature of work."</li> </ol>	<p>Popenoe explains that the younger generation in families often relocate from rural areas to cities in search for jobs; this results in less frequent and less intimate contact to the family members that were left behind.</p> <p>When paraphrasing or quoting, use a variety of reporting verbs to introduce an author's ideas:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">says</td> <td>notes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>tells</td> <td>mentions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>acknowledges</td> <td>thinks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>concedes</td> <td>writes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>states</td> <td>believes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>explains</td> <td>concludes</td> </tr> </table>	says	notes	tells	mentions	acknowledges	thinks	concedes	writes	states	believes	explains	concludes
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When paraphrasing, first think of the main idea or what the author is trying to tell you. Think of ways to say the same thing using your own words. Do not just replace words in a sentence with synonyms.

**Original**  
Among Pueblo Indians, for example, the family a person is born into is given a special significance, whereas the family a person marries into is treated more casually.

**Paraphrase**  
~~Amid Pueblo Indians, for instance, the family an individual is born into has a particular meaning, but the family an individual gets married into is seen in a more casual manner.~~

- Rules for Paraphrasing**
1. Read the original text. Make sure you understand it. Highlight the main idea and key words or phrases.
  2. Read the text again. Put the text aside.
  3. Write the idea in your own words without looking at the text. Try to use different words than the text.
  4. Try to reorder the ideas in the sentence. Start with the middle or the end. Put the paraphrased text aside for a while.
  5. With fresh eyes, check your paraphrased sentence against the original. Make sure it is not too close to the original.

**Original**  
Among Pueblo Indians, for example, the family a person is born into is given a special significance, whereas the family a person marries into is treated more casually.

**Paraphrase**  
For instance, in the society of Pueblo Indians, the family one joins through marriage is not as important as the family one has been a member of since birth.