

# PARAPHRASING

There are five elements of the paraphrase that you must pay attention to:

- you should keep the original writer's ideas from the source in your paraphrase.

- pick words that are consistent with the rest of your writing.

- Use words that actually sound like you and flow with the rest of the paper.

- change the order of the original sentence(s). Move the clauses around.

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## PROPER USE OF SOURCES

When you use a source, make sure to accurately present the author's and source material's intentions. To do so, you should properly integrate the information into your paper with direct quotes, paraphrases or summaries of sources. Be sure to attribute any source material using the correct citation information required by your chosen style guide. If you do not properly integrate your sources, you could run the risk of plagiarizing. When paraphrase is done incorrectly, it can lead to patchwriting and is a form of plagiarism.

is when a writer uses synonyms to make a paraphrase of a source look different even though the information and format remain the same. This is why you must follow the steps above to accurately paraphrase your source material.

## EXAMPLE

The following example is in MLA format. Remember to ask your professor and consult the proper style guide for your required format.

For this reason, all astronomical refracting telescopes worthy of their salt use achromatic lenses, i.e., lenses comprised of several layers of glass having different densities and, therefore, different refractive indices.

All refracting telescopes worthy of professional use have achromatic lenses, i.e., lenses that have many layers of glass which