**Paraphrasing**

How to paraphrase?

1. **Replace word-for-word + understand context**
2. **Explain author’s true meaning**

List of words:

| **amazing** | incredible, unbelievable, improbable, fabulous, wonderful, fantastic, astonishing, astounding, extraordinary |
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| **anger** | enrage, infuriate, arouse, nettle, exasperate, inflame, madden |
| **answer** | reply, respond, retort, acknowledge |
| **ask** | question, seek information from, put a question to, demand, request |
| **awful** | dreadful, terrible, abominable, bad, poor, unpleasant |
| **begin** | start, open, launch, initiate, commence |
| **big** | enormous, huge, immense, gigantic, vast, colossal, gargantuan, large, sizable, great, substantial, spacious, tremendous |
| **cause** | lead to, bring about, result in |
| **cold gleam** | cruel, merciless, emotionless |
| **come** | approach, advance, near, arrive, reach, progress |
| **complex** | complicated |
| **crude** | primitive |
| **dangerous** | perilous, hazardous, risky, uncertain, unsafe |
| **depleted** | drained |
| **describe** | portray, picture, narrate |
| **destroy** | ruin, demolish, raze, waste, kill, slay, end, extinguish |
| **difference** | disagreement, inequity, contrast, dissimilarity, incompatibility |
| **end** | stop, finish, terminate, conclude, close, halt, cessation, discontinuance |
| **explain** | elaborate, clarify, define, interpret, justify, account for |
| **false** | fake, fraudulent, counterfeit, spurious, untrue, unfounded, erroneous, deceptive, groundless, fallacious |
| **fanatic** | resolved, determined, obsessed in a motion |
| **fear** | fright, dread, terror, alarm, dismay, anxiety, scare, awe, horror, panic, apprehension |
| **fuel** | promote/ignite |
| **get** | acquire, obtain, gain, fetch, derive |
| **gibber** | talk nonsense |
| **glittering** | shiny |
| **have** | hold, possess, own |
| **hazardous** | dangerous |
| **help** | aid, assist, support |
| **hurt** | damage, harm, injure, wound, distress, afflict, pain |
| **idea** | thought, concept, conception, notion, understanding, opinion, plan, view, belief |
| **important** | essential, crucial, critical, key, vital, significant, paramount |
| **integrate** | combine, become a part of something |
| **lustrous** | shiny |
| **minimise** | ease, alleviate, relieve, mitigate |
| **noxious** | harmful, poisonous, very unpleasant |
| **perpetually** | endlessly |
| **produce** | generate |
| **protest** | demonstrate |
| **rich** | wealthy |
| **ruse** | trick, subterfuge, deceive, decoil |
| **secular** | not believe in religion |
| **small** | tiny, little, microscopic |
| **solve** | resolve, address, tackle, deal with |
| **steep in** | completely surround, submerge |
| **think** | judge, deem, assume, believe, consider, contemplate, reflect |
| **transcendent** | exceeding usual limits |
| **trouble** | distress, anguish, anxiety, worry, peril, disaster |
| **true** | accurate, right, proper, precise, exact, valid, genuine, real, actual |
| **use** | employ, utilise, exhaust, spend, expend, consume, exercise |
| **unquestioned** | unasked, undoubted, uncontested |
| **wars** | armed conflicts |
| **wrong** | incorrect, inaccurate, mistaken, erroneous, improper, unsuitable |

**Obscure vocabulary**

* ***superfluous*** : redundant, unnecessary
* ***inextricable*** : inseparable
* ***individuality*** : be unique, distinguish self from others, different from the rest
* ***punctuated*** : in intervals, not continuous
* ***convulse*** : suffer violent involuntary muscle contraction, shake violently
* ***vile*** : extremely unpleasant
* ***baseness*** : lack of moral principles, bad character
* ***inebriation*** : drunkenness, intoxication
* ***quizzical*** : puzzled, perplexed, baffled
* ***anguish*** : severe mental or physical pain or suffering
* ***oblivious*** : unaware, unconscious, unmindful
* ***temerity*** : audacity
* ***disgruntled*** : dissatisfied
* ***affronted*** : offended
* ***inveterate*** : habitual
* ***undermine*** : compromise, threaten, diminish
* ***gravitas*** : dignity
* ***moral code*** : ethnics, value system
* ***preoccupied*** : absorbed in thoughts, obsessed with sth
* ***palpable*** : tangible, obvious
* ***transgression*** : offence
* ***expendable*** : unimportant
* ***artfully*** : masterfully
* ***salient*** : important
* ***enigmatic*** : vague, difficult to understand
* ***contrite*** : remorseful, regretful
* ***populist*** : appealing to ordinary people
* ***idyllic*** : extremely pleasant, beautiful, or peaceful; ideal, utopian
* ***distillation*** : essence
* ***aggrieved*** : resentful

Vocab for continuous essay

* ***engender*** : bring about, give rise to (e.g. controversy)
* ***proliferation*** : widespread
* ***purported*** : suggested, claimed (It has been purported that …)
* ***ramification*** : negative consequence
* ***unbridled*** : uncontrollable (e.g. joy, sadness)
* ***imprudent*** : rash
* ***deleterious***  : harmful, damaging
* ***pandemonium*** : chaos
* ***efface*** : erase
* ***impetus*** : urge
* ***distaste*** : unhappiness
* ***infringe upon*** : encroach upon (e.g. one’s privacy)

Phrases:

* ***skate over the surface*** : avoid dealing completely / fail to pay enough attention to sth

**FEE questions**

| ‘a hive of bustling motion’ | the place was filled with the energy of the people who were moving around,  showing how busy it was |
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| ‘blurry figures scurried (to their trains)’ | the people moved at such a quick pace that it was impossible to make them out/see/distinguish them clearly,  showing how frenetic it was |
| ‘an army of bobbing heads’ | the station was filled with many people who were moving towards the train/getting off their trains,  showing how hectic the place is |
| ‘sweaters with frayed sleeves’ | coats/jackets with torn sleeves / sleeves that had loose threads at their edges,  emphasising that the orphans’ attire was shabby |
| ‘ragged jeans whose knees had worn down to strings’ | tattered denim pants/trousers whose knees/with parts that were threadbare,  emphasising that the orphans’ attire was shabby |
| ‘coats patched with duct tape’ | jackets had holes that had to be covered with duct tape,  emphasising that the orphans’ attire was shabby |
| ‘hackles were crawling around on my neck like a nest of maggots’ | the hair at the back of his neck were standing and felt like small insects were moving around there,  which is common for someone who is scared/ in fear |
| ‘palms were slippery cold on the Circassian walnut stock of the rifle’ | his hands/palms were sweaty / in cold sweat and the gun was sliding out of his grip,  showing how afraid he was |
| ‘heart slammed in my ears as adrenalin pumped through my system’ | his heart was beating very fast and he could hear his own heartbeat indicating his trepidation |
| ‘thick as candy floss’ | dense fog made it hard to see anything |
| ‘muffled the fading sun’ | fog had blocked/obscured the waning light from the sun, impeding vision |
| ‘world purpled down into absolute darkness’ | the surroundings started getting progressively darker until nothing could be seen |
| ‘like walking skeletons’ | the wolves were bony/very thin/scrawny |
| ‘mere skinbags’ | the wolves had little flesh/meat on their bodies such that skin hung loosely on them |
| ‘muscles like strings’ | they were so thin that they barely had enough muscular tissue on their bodies for movement |
| ‘incessant questioning’ | he never stopped/was persistent in asking questions, going on and on, annoying the writer |
| ‘would no doubt have enlightened me’ | the writer had a sarcastic tone towards the engineer who was overly eager to show off his vast knowledge by explaining things without being asked/acting like a show off/constantly flaunting his knowledge |
| ‘poke his long nose elsewhere’ | he was overly instrusive/disrespectful of other people’s need for space and privacy, thus disturbing people |
| ‘pounding meanness’ | the rain was pouring as though it was striking/hiting forcefully |
| ‘without ceasing for two days’ | the rain has not stopped / continued / raining continuously for two days |
| ‘seeped into the recesses of one’s memory, much like Mother herself’ | her mother was unforgettable/left a deep impression on others |
| ‘leave others looking bleached like drab chickens in her iridescence’ | her mother liked to be the centre of attraction/look better than others around her |
| ‘like distant thunder, would scatter those who heard her approaching’ | her mother was intimidating/someone whom others feared |
| ‘tiny cluster of feeble lights’ | small group of lights that did not give out sufficient lighting/not bright/little light/weak light |
| ‘trembling street-lights’ | street-lights were flickering/went on and off/not steadily giving out light |
| ‘moonbeams that occasionally peaked out from the clouds’ | light from the moon was frequently blocked by the clouds |

Note:

* Explanation of how the language conveys \_\_\_\_\_ , supported using details.
* Do not offer details that are more factual and do not add to the description.
* Do not merely repeat the same point for each detail / give similar generic explanations for all three details, repeat in slightly varying words. The descriptions are carefully constructed so that each detail adds onto another and is a different aspect of \_\_\_\_\_. Use differentiated explanations for each detail.

**Rephrasing questions**

| snarling fit to freeze the man’s blood | growling/roaring sound it made while showing its teeth cause the man to turn cold in fear |
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| slightly terrified by the prospect | the mild fear/ a little scared of the possibility/  chance/ notion/ idea |
| suffering from soft spots in the head | not in the right frame of mind OR  not able to think properly/ rationally |
| began to put the screws on them | started to kill/hunt them |
| smelled rising apprehension in her daughter, Aziza, who had begun whimpering | sensed the growing fear/anxiety in Aziza who has started crying softly |
| a veneer of good humour | hid these feelings with an appearance/ covering/ air/ layer of geniality/ cheerfulness/ pleasant temper/ amiable nature |
| If a lady said her husband was dead and she could not care for her children, he did not question it | If a lady claimed that her husband was deceased/ had passed on and she could no longer look after her children, he did not doubt them |
| remain woven into the fabric of major cities | an inextricable/inevitable part of large cities |
| lured by an unscrupulous employer’s fake dangling carrot | attracted/enticed by false/non-existent benefits offered by a fraudulent/sham/deceiving/ immoral/dishonest/unethical employer |
| create steady and formidable energy output | provide consistent/stable/continuous and powerful/strong/large/considerable/substantial energy output |
| all the vegetation and the gloom that was pooling up at the base of the cliff | the many trees and plants / a dense forest / thick foliage  and the growing darkness near the bottom of the cliff |
| elusive edge | slight advantage that is hard to achieve |
| not only were the famished wolves growing bolder, but Henry was tired | the extremely hungry wolves were becoming more and more brave/aggressive, while Henry was exhausted/overcome by fatigue |
| withstand the pressure of the large horse-drawn carriages | tolerate/endure/support the weight/force exerted by the big/huge horse-drawn carriages |
| our increased awareness of our environment and of its fragility | we become more conscious of how vulnerable our natural surroundings are |
| our future scientific and technological progress, and possibly our future survival as a species | our subsequent/coming scientific and technological advancement/development and the continued existence of the human race |
| time-consuming and  labour intensive | takes a very long while and  a lot of manual effort /energy |
| the river raged so loudly he was not sure if she could hear him | he could not be certain that she could catch what he had said when the river was very noisy |
| she made no motion to acknowledge she had | she gave no signal to show/indicate that she had heard him |
| prosocial behaviour | desire/keenness/willingness to help others |
| leadership ability | capability to lead a group/team |
| attitudes | way of thinking/mindsets/perspectives |
| integrate their characteristics | fuse their qualities |
| too rich and important | extremely wealthy and influential/powerful/ significant figure |
| forced down the rising contents of her stomach | she nearly vomited / had to prevent/control herself from throwing up |
| a towering policeman clad in an immaculate white uniform | the policeman was very tall/extremely tall and  dressed in/wearing clean/neat/tidy/spotless white uniform |
| dead tired and craving food | extremely exhausted and  very hungry/starving//famished/ravenous |

**Attitude & tone**

| **Attitude** | **Tone** |
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| characteristics of the author/person | characteristics of the text/words |

Attitude: (sometimes may not be an adjective)

* critical / disapproving
* condescending / disdainful
* sceptical / doubtful
* sympathetic / empathetic / comapssionate
* disgusted / irritated
* dismissive / nonchalant / indifferent
* optimistic ⇔ pessimistic

Tone:

* nonchalant / unconcerned / unbothered / unsympathetic (‘I don’t care’)
* disdain / disgust / condescending / indignant / self-righteous / supercilious / tone of superiority
* disapproval / critical
* admiration / awe / reverence / respect / praise

**Effect of language on reader**

Consider what impact author intends to have on reader

Effect:

* evoke sense of pity
* invoke urgency

Figurative language

* Personification: emphasise the object that is personified
* Anecdote (example): emphasise that …
* Dashes: add information/explanation about …
* Italisice: emphasise that …