

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
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** : ethics, 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
'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 intrusive/disrespectful of other people's need for space and privacy, thus disturbing people
'pounding meanness'	the rain was <u>pouring</u> as though it was <u>striking/hitting forcefully</u>
'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 <u>unforgettable/left a deep impression on others</u>
'leave others looking bleached like drab chickens in her iridescence'	her mother <u>liked to be the centre of attraction/look better than others around her</u>
'like distant thunder, would scatter those who heard her approaching'	her mother was <u>intimidating/someone whom others feared</u>
' <u>tiny cluster</u> of <u>feeble</u> lights'	<u>small group</u> of lights that <u>did not give out sufficient lighting/not bright/little light/weak light</u>
' <u>trembling</u> street-lights'	street-lights were <u>flickering/went on and off/not steadily giving out light</u>
' <u>moonbeams</u> that <u>occasionally peaked out from the clouds</u> '	<u>light from the moon</u> was <u>frequently blocked by the clouds</u>

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 <u>freeze the man's blood</u>	<u>growling/roaring sound</u> it made while <u>showing its teeth</u> cause the man to <u>turn cold in fear</u>
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
<u>began to put the screws on them</u>	<u>started to kill/hunt</u> them
<u>smelled rising apprehension</u> in her daughter, Aziza, who had <u>begun whimpering</u>	<u>sensed the growing fear/anxiety</u> in Aziza who has <u>started crying softly</u>
a <u>veneer</u> of <u>good humour</u>	<u>hid</u> these feelings with an <u>appearance/ covering/ air/ layer of geniality/ cheerfulness/ pleasant temper/ amiable nature</u>
If a lady said her husband was <u>dead</u> and she could not <u>care for</u> her children, he did not <u>question</u> it	If a lady claimed that her husband was <u>deceased/ had passed on</u> and she could no longer <u>look after</u> her children, he did not <u>doubt</u> them
remain <u>woven</u> into the fabric of <u>major</u> cities	an <u>inextricable/inevitable part</u> of <u>large</u> cities
<u>lured</u> by an <u>unscrupulous</u> employer's <u>fake dangling carrot</u>	<u>attracted/enticed</u> by <u>false/non-existent benefits</u> offered by a <u>fraudulent/sham/deceiving/ immoral/dishonest/unethical</u> employer
<u>create steady</u> and <u>formidable</u> energy output	provide <u>consistent/stable/continuous</u> and <u>powerful/strong/large/considerable/substantial</u> energy output
all the <u>vegetation</u> and the <u>gloom</u> that was <u>pooling up</u> at the <u>base</u> of the cliff	the <u>many trees and plants</u> / a dense forest / thick foliage and the <u>growing darkness</u> near the <u>bottom</u> of the cliff
<u>elusive edge</u>	<u>slight advantage</u> that is <u>hard to achieve</u>
not only were the <u>famished</u> wolves <u>growing bolder</u> , but Henry was <u>tired</u>	the <u>extremely hungry</u> wolves were becoming <u>more and more brave/aggressive</u> , while Henry was <u>exhausted/overcome by fatigue</u>
<u>withstand</u> the <u>pressure</u> of the <u>large</u> horse-drawn carriages	<u>tolerate/endure/support</u> the <u>weight/force</u> exerted by the big/huge horse-drawn carriages
our <u>increased awareness</u> of our <u>environment</u> and of its <u>fragility</u>	we become <u>more conscious</u> of how <u>vulnerable</u> our <u>natural surroundings</u> are
our <u>future</u> scientific and technological	our <u>subsequent/coming</u> scientific and

<u>progress</u> , and possibly our <u>future survival</u> as a <u>species</u>	technological <u>advancement/development</u> and the <u>continued existence</u> of the <u>human race</u>
<u>time-consuming</u> and <u>labour intensive</u>	<u>takes a very long while</u> and <u>a lot of manual effort /energy</u>
the river <u>raged so loudly</u> he <u>was not sure</u> if she could hear him	he <u>could not be certain</u> that she could catch what he had said when the river was <u>very noisy</u>
she <u>made no motion</u> to <u>acknowledge</u> she had	she <u>gave no signal</u> to <u>show/indicate</u> that she had heard him
<u>prosocial</u> behaviour	<u>desire/keenness/willingness</u> to <u>help</u> others
<u>leadership ability</u>	<u>capability</u> to <u>lead a group/team</u>
<u>attitudes</u>	<u>way of thinking/mindsets/perspectives</u>
<u>integrate</u> their <u>characteristics</u>	<u>fuse</u> their <u>qualities</u>
<u>too rich</u> and <u>important</u>	<u>extremely wealthy</u> and <u>influential/powerful/significant</u> figure
forced down the rising contents of her stomach	she nearly vomited / had to prevent/control herself from throwing up
a <u>towering</u> policeman <u>clad</u> in an <u>immaculate</u> white uniform	the policeman was <u>very tall/extremely tall</u> and <u>dressed in/wearing</u> <u>clean/neat/tidy/spotless</u> white uniform
<u>dead tired</u> and <u>craving food</u>	<u>extremely exhausted</u> and <u>very hungry/starving//famished/ravenous</u>

Attitude & tone

Attitude	Tone
characteristics of the <u>author/person</u>	characteristics of the <u>text/words</u>

Attitude: (sometimes may not be an adjective)

- critical / disapproving
- condescending / disdainful
- sceptical / doubtful
- sympathetic / empathetic / compassionate
- 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 ...
- Italise: emphasise that ...