

Paraphrasing and Plagiarism

7th Grade

Using someone's idea honestly — and where the line actually is.

PROPER PARAPHRASE

- Different words AND different structure
- Same meaning as the original
- Source still credited
- Written after closing the book
- Shows you understood it

PLAGIARISM

- A few words swapped for synonyms
- Same sentence structure
- No credit given
- Copied with the source open
- Shows nothing about your understanding

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Changing a few words is not paraphrasing. If the sentence shape is the same, it is still copying.

Credit the source even when you paraphrase. Rewording does not make the idea yours.