

Lesson 3: Paraphrase by Changing Nouns to Verbs

Purpose: Some sentences use a noun that is a verb. Some people write like this because they want to make long sentences. Sometimes this is a good style, especially for university essays.

To paraphrase well, it is a good idea to know how to change these sentences. This will help you write clear sentences with fewer words.

What to do: Rewrite these sentences. Change the noun into a verb. Here are two examples.

Long and wordy: You have to give us your decision by tomorrow.
Better: You have to decide by tomorrow.

Long and wordy: Researchers conducted an investigation into the problem.
Better: Researchers investigated the problem.

Now you try.

1. This essay gives an analysis of the problem of climate change and describes a potential solution.

2. The Korean President did not give an explanation for the pardon of his business friend.

3. Our class debate concerned the issue of nuclear weapons.

4. We performed a review of the company's annual reports.

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5. The school club of actors did a performance of Romeo and Juliet on the second of June.

6. There is a need for further study of this Master's program.

7. It is necessary for political candidates to give a good performance during a TV debate.

8. There is a need in our city for an assessment of the recycling system.

9. It is my hope that students will use this material.

10. The police conducted an investigation of the robbery.
