



**PARAPHRASING AND**

**SUMMARIZING:**

**MAINTAINING OBJECTIVITY**





# UNDERSTANDING PARAPHRASING

- Paraphrasing means restating someone's ideas in your own words.
- Keeps the same meaning but uses different vocabulary and sentence structure.

## **Example from "The House on Mango Street":**

Original: "The house on Mango Street is ours, and we don't have to pay rent to anybody, or share the yard with the people downstairs, or be careful not to make too much noise."

Paraphrase: The family finally has their own home on Mango Street, giving them independence and freedom from the restrictions of renting.





# THE ART OF SUMMARIZING

- Summarizing condenses longer text into main points
- Captures essential ideas while omitting details
- Usually 1/4 length of original text

## EXAMPLE FROM "THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET"

Original: (Entire "House on Mango Street" vignette)

Summary: A young girl describes her family's new house on Mango Street, expressing both disappointment that it's not the dream home they wanted and acceptance that it's better than their previous living situations.

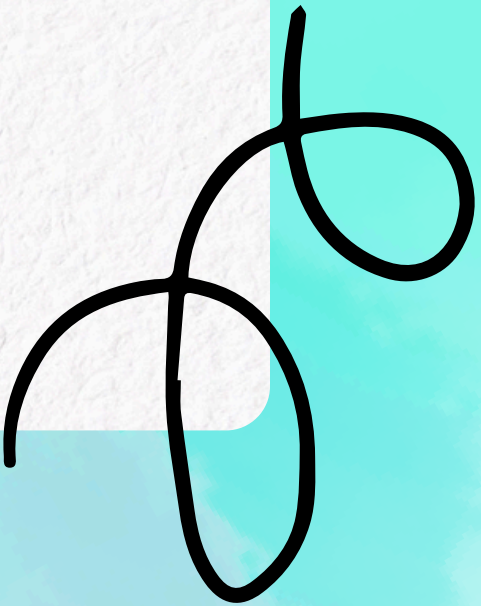




# MAINTAINING OBJECTIVITY

- Avoid personal opinions or judgments
- Use neutral language
- Focus on facts and evidence
- Remove emotional language

Example: Instead of "Esperanza hates her awful house," write "Esperanza expresses dissatisfaction with her new home"







# TIPS FOR SUCCESS



- Read the original text carefully multiple times
- Identify main ideas before writing
- Use your own words consistently
- Check that you haven't added personal interpretations
- Verify that key information is preserved
- Remember: Both skills help develop reading comprehension and writing abilities

