

LEAP INTO ENGLISH

TOEFL PREPARATION COURSE

Vocabulary Practice.

Unit - Paraphrasing

A. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

The ancient Greeks were the first to ¹*suggest / argue / define* that there might be one simple substance from which all other substances were made. Some Greek philosophers ²*claimed / illustrated / proposed* that this substance might be water. Other philosophers ³*held / took / said* a different view. They thought it was air. Others ⁴*contradicted / disagreed with / emphasized* both of these views. They thought the simplest substance was fire or earth. Eventually, they ⁵*supported / proposed / argued* that there were four elements: earth, air, fire, and water. They ⁶*held / argued / had* a theory that these four elements could be combined to make gold. For hundreds of years, people ⁷*claimed / demonstrated / asserted* that it was possible to make gold from other metals, but none of them were able to ⁸*demonstrate / illustrate / emphasize* this. In 1677, Robert Boyle ⁹*challenged / contradicted / illustrated* the Greek theory of elements. He ¹⁰*proposed / argued / expanded* that elements must be simple substances that cannot be broken down into other substances. This definition is still in use today.

B. Choose the correct word from the box to complete the paragraph.

believed	demonstrated	expanded	identify	proposed	supported
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A Russian professor of chemistry, Dmitri Mendeleev, first ¹_____ that elements could be grouped in a tabular form according to their chemical properties. He ²_____ that grouping elements according to their atomic mass made it possible to ³_____ recurring patterns. Although there were gaps in the pattern, he ⁴_____ that gaps would be filled by subsequent discoveries. Chemists subsequently ⁵_____ on his work and discovered new elements that ⁶_____ his theory and completed the missing gaps in the Periodic Table.

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C. Choose the correct word from the Quizlet to paraphrase the sentence..

1. A liquid in which a substance dissolves is called a solvent.

The professor _____ the meaning of the term "solvent."

2. When you add instant coffee to a cup of hot water, it dissolves very quickly.

But when you stir it into cold water, the coffee does not dissolve.

The example _____ that hot water is a better solvent than cold water.

3. Oxygen is dissolved in water and heat can reduce the oxygen content of the water. By the way, this is why some species of fish die if the water is too warm.

The professor _____ that some fish can die if the water is too warm.

4. Three main causes of water pollution are fertilizers, industrial chemicals, and sewage.

The passage _____ three causes of water pollution.

5. Some people say that companies should be obliged to avoid pollution and remove waste, but in that case, extra costs will be passed on to the consumer.

Some people say that pollution should be banned, but the professor _____ this view. He _____ that goods and products will become more expensive.

6. Everyone should do as much as possible to avoid pollution because we are all responsible for it.

He _____ that everyone is responsible for preventing pollution.