

Paraphrasing

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Paraphrasing Exercise (The answers are on the next page.)

Directions: Write a paraphrase of each of the following sentences or passages.

1. The student requested that the professor excuse her absence, but the professor refused.
2. International Center is hosting English Conversation classes. They help non-native speakers of English practice their English speaking skills.
3. The car that was pulled over by the police officer yesterday just had an accident. That driver is not careful.
4. Of the more than 1000 bicycling deaths each year, three-fourths are caused by head injuries. Half of those killed are school-age children. One study concluded that wearing a bike helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 85 percent. In an accident, a bike helmet absorbs the shock and cushions the head. From "Bike Helmets: Unused Lifesavers," Consumer Reports (May 1990): 348.
5. "The Antarctic is the vast source of cold on our planet, just as the sun is the source of our heat, and it exerts tremendous control on our climate," [Jacques] Cousteau told the camera. "The cold ocean water around Antarctica flows north to mix with warmer water from the tropics, and its upwellings help to cool both the surface water and our atmosphere. Yet the fragility of this regulating system is now threatened by human activity." From "Captain Cousteau," Audubon (May 1990):17.