

**Step 1:** Read the original text below.

"Intercultural communication is essential in today's global society, where people from different cultural backgrounds regularly interact. Communication styles vary across cultures, and behaviors such as eye contact or gestures can be interpreted differently. These differences may lead to misunderstandings if individuals are unaware of them. Developing intercultural competence involves more than just learning a language—it also requires empathy, cultural knowledge, and adaptability. In international workplaces and multicultural teams, these skills help people collaborate more effectively, avoid conflict, and build mutual respect. As global mobility increases, intercultural training becomes a valuable tool for preparing individuals to succeed in diverse environments (Samovar et al., 2017)."

Samovar, L. A., Porter, R. E., McDaniel, E. R., & Roy, C. S. (2017). *Communication between cultures* (9th ed.). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.

**Step 2:** Take notes on the important ideas above. Your notes should NOT be in complete sentences, but rather in bullet points.

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**Step 3:** *Without* looking at the original text, paraphrase the paragraph using your notes as a guide of what to include.

**Step 4:** Reread the original text and your paraphrased paragraph. Verify the following criteria:

- The ideas in both the original paragraph and my paragraph are the same.
- I have included all of the 'big ideas' and key information
- My paragraph sounds like my style of writing.
- I did not use any language above my level of English.
- I did not copy and paste from anywhere.