PARAPHRASING PRACTICE

A. Go to the LINK and watch the VIDEO

B. Read the common mistakes and explanations

1. Collocation: drive a car, not ride a car. We use the verb "ride" with bicycles.
2. A town is not a city. You can write "city center" or "urban center". A town is much smaller and this essay is not about small towns and villages.
3. The government can usually be paraphrased with the word "authorities".
4. The word "should" can be paraphrased as "ought to". This is a common paraphrase.
5. If you are writing about setting up or putting up equipment, you can use the word "install".
6. "to deter" is used to put people off committing a crime or an offence. It is actually a better word to use than "put off" for formal essay writing.
7. "By doing this" and "As a way of solving this" both have the same meaning in this context. You can't write "As an answer for solving this" – it isn't correct English even though the meaning is the same.
8. "people" are people. We rare use the word "citizen" in an essay about transport. However, it would be acceptable to use it in the second sentence which refers to the government.
9. "people" cannot be paraphrased as "humans" except in one context – please watch the video below to learn. Any student making this mistake is not studying effectively. The video below explains this very clearly so you should not be making this mistake.
10. "caught red handed" must be written as it is shown. You can never write "caught red". There are three words in this idiom. However, this expression is mainly for theft or other crimes in which a person is caught face to face by the police. It can't be used for speed offences caught by camera.
11. "vehicles" is used when we don't know what type of transport is being written about or when we refer to different types. This essay is about cars only which means you can't use the word "vehicle".
12. This paragraph is about "streets". This is not the same as a "motorway". A motorway is a very large road outside a city which contains two or three lines in both directions for heavy traffic.

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C. Paraphrase the paragraph below, using some of the words in the box.

Paragraph

Paraphrase the words in this paragraph using the words in the box below. Only paraphrase a word if you are sure it is appropriate to do so.

Many people, when driving their cars, go over the speed limit in city centers. As a way of solving this, the government should put more speed cameras on major streets to put people off speeding. If this is done, more people who speed will be caught and this problem will eventually be solved.

Paraphrasing Options

You do not need to use all the words. You must decide which words to use and which words not to use.

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doing this arrested vehicles resolved citizens
large caught red handed speed prevention
increasing urban

D. Paraphrase the paragraph

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