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Preview Material
When you **paraphrase**, you use your own words to explain someone else’s ideas. Paraphrasing helps you to write something in a new way instead of copying your research word for word from an information source.

To help you paraphrase, keep these steps in mind. First, read the entire text and identify the main idea. Second, write notes focusing on key facts or details.

For example:

- Everything in our modern lives requires energy. (main idea)
  - different forms of energy: electricity, gas, oil, coal (details)
  - use energy to light homes, produce things we buy, cook meals, power machines (details)

Finally, put the notes into your own words.

For example: We use different kinds of energy, such as electricity and gas. We use energy for heat, light, and power.

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**A. Read the sentences below. On the lines provided, write notes that provide the main idea and key facts or details.**

1. A disease called black Sigatoka is attacking banana plants throughout the world. This disease could lead to the extinction of bananas.

   - There is a disease called black Sigatoka. - attacks banana plants all over the world. - could lead to the extinction of bananas

2. Beavers change the environment around them. They cut down trees, create slow-moving pockets of deep water along waterways, and adjust water flow.

   - beavers change environment around them. - cut down trees - adjust water flow - create slow-moving pockets of deep water along waterways

3. Your body needs the sodium in salt, but the typical North American diet is too high in salt.

   - human bodies need sodium, which is found in salt - typical North American diets are too high in salt

**B. Why is it important to paraphrase instead of copying information word for word from an information source? Write your answer on the lines provided.**

It is important to paraphrase information when you write, because copying information is against our school’s rules. It is also against the law. When you just copy information, your teacher can’t tell if you actually know what you’re writing about. It’s also unfair to take credit for someone else’s hard work.
C. Read the paragraphs below. On the lines provided, identify the main idea, and then write notes about the supporting facts or details.

Canada started using wind turbines in the 1970s, and now every province uses wind power to varying levels. More than two million homes and businesses are powered by wind-generated electricity. Ontario, Québec, and Alberta are the top three producers. Wind energy production grew by about 20 percent in 2012, creating 10,500 jobs. Although wind energy provides only 3 percent of Canada’s energy needs, it is an important part of a balanced energy supply.

The Canadian Wind Energy Association believes that wind energy will provide 20 percent of our electrical power in the coming years.

Main idea: Wind energy is an important part of Canada’s energy supply
- wind turbines used in Canada starting 1970s
- all provinces in Canada uses wind power
- more than two million homes, businesses use wind-generated electricity
- Ontario, Quebec, Alberta top three wind energy producers
- production grew in 2012 by 20%, created 10,500 jobs
- provides 3% of Canada’s energy
- important part of balanced energy supply
- Canadian Wind Energy Association: wind energy will provide 20% of Canada’s electrical power in future.

D. Cover up the paragraph in Exercise C. Use your notes to put the writer’s ideas in your own words.

Wind energy is a very important part of Canada’s energy supply. Canada started using wind turbines to make energy in the 1970’s. Today, all of Canada’s provinces use wind energy. In fact, more than two million homes and businesses use wind-generated electricity!

The top three provinces that produce wind energy are Ontario, Québec, and Alberta. In 2012, Canadian wind energy grew by twenty percent and created 10,500 jobs. That is a lot of jobs! Wind energy provides just 3% of our energy today, but the Canadian Wind Energy Association thinks it will provide 20% in the future. So, wind energy will become more important in our balanced energy supply over time.

E. Exchange your answers to Exercises C and D with a partner. Compare the notes you both took and the paragraphs you wrote. How are your paragraphs different?