

Language Skills – Paraphrasing exercises

Choose between A or B as the best paraphrased answer.

1.

Snoop Dogg said the store “stays true to who I am” and that Tha Dogg House will be mind-blowing.

Paraphrase A:

“I’m a true artist” said Snoop Dogg, talking of his mind-blowing new project, Tha Dogg House.

Paraphrase B:

It will blow people’s minds Snoop Dogg said, speaking of Tha Dogg House being a reflection of his creativity.

2.

Finally Zimmer managed to ask, “Will you marry me?” There was screaming and clapping from the crowd as the newly-engaged couple hugged.

Paraphrase A:

Zimmer eventually got around to asking the big question. The crowd showed their delight with a large applause as Zimmer and his partner had an embrace.

Paraphrase B:

The audience gave a loud applause after Zimmer proposed and gave his partner an embrace in front of them.

3.

Research in 2018 shows that today’s generation consumes 20% less alcohol than the previous one.

Paraphrase A:

The latest generation drinks quite a bit less alcohol than older generations – 20% less actually, according to 2018 research.

Paraphrase B:

Recent studies reveal that today’s generation drinks a fraction less alcohol than older generations did.

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4.

The initiative aims fundamentally to help men who struggle with problems like depression and anxiety in their everyday life.

Paraphrase A:

The purpose of the scheme is to help men with their day-to-day mental difficulties.

Paraphrase B:

They have a plan to help people who are failing to cope with the stresses of modern life.

5.

Dua Lipa recommends the books she reads on social media and that reading helps her to “understand emotions and feelings”.

Paraphrase A:

Dua Lipa shares what she reads on social media, believing it helps her feel better about herself in the process.

Paraphrase B:

Dua Lipa shares the books she has read on social media because she believes it helps us to understand ourselves better.

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Answers

1. B is the best paraphrase. Paraphrase A is a bad example of paraphrasing because quote marks are used for words that Snoop Dogg doesn't actually say.
2. B is the best paraphrase because it uses only one sentence to paraphrase the information.
3. A is the best paraphrase. Paraphrase B tries to rephrase the data but is too subjective.
4. A is the best paraphrase. Paraphrase B is too vague.
5. B is the best paraphrase. Paraphrase A doesn't make it clear what Dua Lipa is reading or why she shares it.

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