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Introduction: The ability to Referencing & Paraphrasing is a skill that can be used in many different ways. You can use your paraphrasing skills when writing an essay or journal entry. If you're trying to explain something, but don't know how to do it exactly, you can paraphrase the information and give it your own spin! Actually, Paraphrasing is more highly valued by people (Harvard referencing). In this assignment, I have described how I have acquired Referencing & Paraphrasing skill and the benefits of Referencing & Paraphrasing.

Referencing & Paraphrasing: Paraphrasing means to repeat the words or ideas of another person or group, usually in their own words (Paraphrasing for Beginners). Referencing means adding reference to any article or assignment. During the course 'Learning in the Digital Era' when completing my first assignment, I have learnt how to add reference at the end of my assignment and how to paraphrase.

Referencing is an important part of any academic paper, whether it is for a research paper or for an essay. They provide information about the sources you have used in your work and can help readers see where your ideas come from.

Paraphrasing is the practice of taking someone else's words, ideas or phrases and using them in your own sentence. This is normally acceptable to direct quotes (paraphrased information, 2023). It can be a useful way to learn new vocabulary and improve your understanding of what you're reading. A good paraphrase should be short, clear and accurate. If it is not, then you may have misunderstood the original text. Referencing and paraphrasing skills are important for writers and researchers because it allows them to provide citations for their sources. Referencing means providing a source for information and paraphrasing means restating another person's words in your own words.

I think it's important to be able to paraphrase. It's like a way of extending your writing, but in a more conversational tone. Paraphrasing is also great for those who struggle with grammar or spelling. You can do this by watching someone else make a speech or take part in an activity and then write down what they said verbatim and then rewrite their words into your own words that flow better. You can also find quotes online and either use them as inspiration or use them to help you with your own writing!

When you're reading a text, you can use your paraphrasing skills to reword the information for clarity. For example, if the text says "a dog barked," you could write "the dog barked." Or if the text says "the car is blue," you could write "the car is blue."

I have a great deal of experience with the paraphrasing and referencing skills. I have always been able to make sure that my writing is free from plagiarism, and I have always been able to do this by using proper citations and bibliographies. The topics that I write about are always fresh and interesting, so it is very easy for me to find good sources for my work. When Referencing & Paraphrasing, remember the below points:

1. Paraphrasing and referencing is a very important skill to have in any writing, and it's especially important for those who are trying to write academic papers or essays.
2. Whenever you're paraphrasing something, make sure that you do your best to accurately summarize what the original source said, rather than just copying it word-for-word.

3. A good way to remember when you need to reference a source is by thinking about how else it would be relevant to your argument—this will help you get more out of your references!

Actually, I have been writing for a long time, but I have never been able to write something that is truly my own. When I first started to read and write, what I was doing was not mine. Instead, it was like a copy or imitation of another person's writing style. And then from this course '**Learning in the Digital Era**', I have discovered the power of writing in my own voice and style.

When you write in your own voice and style, you are showing off your personality. You are showing off who you are as a writer. This can be difficult because sometimes you might become so caught up in trying to write like someone else that your true voice disappears altogether. But when you do write in your own voice and style, it is like having a secret weapon that no one else has access to: The ability to show people exactly what kind of person you really are!

The ability to reference is important for all writers, but especially for those who are assigned to write about a specific topic. When you're given a specific topic to cover in your writing, it can be easy to take it too far and get lost in the details of your own personal experience or research. However, if you can stay focused on what the assignment asks for, you'll go much farther in your presentation of the topic. Referencing is when you cite another source (such as a book) within your own text. But if you're doing that already, then what's happening is called "referencing-within-the-text."

Now, I have excellent referencing skills. I can find the source of any quote or statistic. Currently, I'm a good writer, but I have a hard time with citations. Referencing is a skill that you can use to check the accuracy of your sources. You can do this by looking up the title of the book or article, or by searching for the name of the author on Google. This is an easy way to make sure that you are quoting accurately. I feel like I'm a pretty good writer, but I'd like to improve my referencing skills. I'm always happy to help with reference citations, but I'd like to be more proactive.

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