

Reflective Writing

Introduction

This term I have learned variety of useful academic skills that I will demonstrate while using a reflective module specifically DIEP (Describe, Interpret, Elaborate plan) this reflective module seems to fit the best with the way I write so I choice it

Paraphrasing skills

Of these skills that I acquired is the ability to use paraphrasing in text and academic writing which I rephrase a sentence to while still keeping the meaning of the original text intact. I practises this with simple exercises with a multiple choice paraphrasing site where I had to tick the correct sentence that keeps the content of the original intact and then there was a text where I had to paraphrase as well videos on how to paraphrase correctly and also included a detailed definition of academic writing.

I had a quick grasp on how to paraphrase as I have done it many times during my previous education time and I was able to quickly understand and utilize paraphrasing in my classwork and assessments and I am more used to writing in short and more simpler sentences than longer texts

Referencing and Citation skills

Another useful academic skill I've learned through the term is using academic citing and Harvard referencing in a Bibliography as its important to show the sources that you have taken information from(Caulfield, J. 2023) and it was a helpful but difficult to understand slightly more than paraphrasing and I did get confused until I figured it out completely. There were many tasks that were done for this lesson such as a group activity where I along with my group had to reference a book and cite it correctly and my group got mixed up on how the order of the reference. I also ended up using the website Citethemright as it

teaches how to do clear guides for Harvard referencing for books,journals,websites.and in the same lessons academic misconduct was brought up and with it came many examples of what not to do in academic writing such as plagiarism and using chatgpt and other AI writing software which is when you copy(Caulfield, J. 2023) word for word from the source and you claim it as your own these actions come with severe and costly consequences for the student and emphasise the importance of referencing and plagiarism and using original work.

Summarising Skills

The final skill that I have learned in my first term that I will mention is summarising text which is condensing a large amount of information to be short and as simple to take in,it can be few words, a sentence or a paragraph but no longer than that, it's similar to paraphrasing but summaries are often than that shorter . Summarising came easy for me as I am very used to writing shorter sentences and I struggle to stretch my words to fill a count so summaries are what I find very easy to do. One of the first texts to summarise was a website blog post about bad communication for the workplace where I had to summarise the points into smaller paragraphs while getting the same points across as the original along with this there were much shorter examples.i also did an assessment that featured the use of all 3 mentioned skills above it was it was average in difficulty.

Conclusion

I have learned a lot about during my first term at this university and although I had some trouble with some other skills such as note taking I would say I have a grasp on most of them on thing I should improve on is trying write longer sentences and expand my vocabulary

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