



Academic Writing



Paragraph Writing: Quotations

Artificial Intelligence

EXAMPLE

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Writing Exercise: Paraphrasing EXAMPLE

Topic: A.I

Time: 60+ minutes

Level: *****[B1/B2/C1]

Lesson Plan

Aim: *To develop the students' ability to write a paragraph using a range of quotes to create a cohesive piece of writing. This exercise practises paraphrasing and linking devices.*

1. Lead in

Ask students to:

- Discuss 'how A.I is changing the future of work.'
- Write down the positives and negatives ([students could do some internet research here](#)).
- Decide where they stand. Are they for or against?
- Feed in / check key vocabulary (see next page).

2. Lesson

- Choose three of these quotations and write a paragraph (approx. 120-180 words) on the following: 'The benefits of AI on the future of work far outweigh the negatives'. Use accurate in-text citation and appropriate paraphrasing.
- Distribute the handout of quotes: Writing exercise 1.
- Students read the quotes, check any unknown vocabulary, identify the positive and negative statements and then choose **3 key quotes** to paraphrase for their paragraph.
- Give 40 minutes.
- Peer feedback ([use the peer review form on page 5](#)) or teacher marks [use marking code: www.academic-englishuk.com/error-correction].
- Distribute the sample answer with questions ([answers on page 6](#)).

Differentiation

- **Option 1:** Reduce the quotes down from 10 to 6.
- **Option 2:** Focus just on the pros or cons (Pros = quotations: 1,3,5,7,9 / Cons = quotations: 2,4,6,8,10)
- **Option 3:** Students write in pairs or small groups.

Artificial Intelligence: Writing Exercise 1 EXAMPLE

Task

Choose three of these quotations and write a paragraph (approx. 120-180 words) on the following: 'The benefits of AI on the future of work far outweigh the negatives'. Use accurate in-text citation and appropriate paraphrasing.

1. 'One of the foremost benefits of AI is its ability to automate tasks that were once time-consuming and labour-intensive. AI-powered automation is becoming increasingly sophisticated, enabling businesses to streamline operations, cut costs, and allocate resources more efficiently' (HBR, 2022).

2. 'Increased automation brought about by AI has the potential to [redacted] automated. It [redacted] roughly 15% of workers, or 400 million people, worldwide by 2030' (McKinsey Study, 2018).

3. [redacted] that [redacted] will readjust and allow all of us more leisure time. It will become normal for people to work a shorter working day [redacted] (Newkey-Burden, 2023).

4. 'AI [redacted] large amounts of personal data, raising issues related to data privacy and security. In addition, AI can be [redacted] if the data is [redacted] unexpected or even malicious outcomes' (MAR, 2023).

5. 'AI-driven language translation tools [redacted] down [redacted] from [redacted] connect and collaborate seamlessly. Real-time translation apps are benefiting global communication and [redacted]. (Medium, 2023).

6. 'AI notoriously fails in capturing or responding to intangible [redacted] and [redacted] considerations that guide the course of business, life, and society at large' (HBR, 2022).

7. 'New [redacted]. Reskilling [redacted] employment practice creating numerous opportunities working in AI such as machine learning [redacted] (McKinsey Study, 2018).

8. 'The concentration of AI development and ownership [redacted] as they accumulate wealth and power while smaller businesses struggle to compete' (MAR, 2023).

9. 'Customer service has evolved significantly thanks [redacted] These [redacted] troubleshoot problems, and provide real-time assistance, enhancing the overall customer experience' (Medium, 2023).

10. 'AI [redacted] amplify societal biases due to biased training data or algorithmic design. In addition, increasing reliance on [redacted] could lead to [redacted] human connections' (Mar, 2023).

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Paragraph Peer Feedback Form

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	Yes	No	Comments <i>Anything missing, unclear or a mistake.</i>
Main Body			
Is there a clear topic sentence?			
Is there a main argument?			
Are the ideas supported?			
Are there [redacted] paragraph?			
Are the ideas commented upon and evaluated?			
Are the [redacted] effectively?			
Is the in-text referencing accurate?			
Is there [redacted] sentence?			
Highlight anything you don't understand.			
Language			
Highlight any vocabulary mistakes.			
Highlight any grammar mistakes.			
Highlight any [redacted] mistakes.			
Organisation			
Is it [redacted] ?			
What [redacted] have they used?			
[redacted] you don't understand?			
Overall			
What did they do well?			
What do they need [redacted] ?			

Sample Answer

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The benefits of AI on the future of work far outweigh the disadvantages through two key areas: automation and job creation. The most important [redacted] of [redacted]. According to HBR (2022), AI [redacted] everyday repetitive tasks [redacted] to faster decision making and increased [redacted]. Chatbots and virtual assistants are a [redacted] routine [redacted] providing better [redacted] and freeing up staff for [redacted] work (Medium, 2023). AI also brings [redacted] in [redacted], as shown in the McKinsey Report (2018), which emphasises that [redacted] employment [redacted] like machine learning engineers, [redacted] and cyber [redacted]. Overall, although AI may [redacted], it offers [redacted]. The automation of [redacted] and the demand for [redacted] [redacted] future of work.

174 Words

Paragraph Questions

- 1) Is there a topic sentence? What is the topic? What is/are the controlling ideas?
- 2) Is there a main argument?
- 3) Which [redacted]?
- 4) Is it logical and clear? How has the paragraph been organised?
- 5) Is there [redacted]?
- 6) Is there a concluding sentence? What is concluded?
- 7) How are [redacted] incorporated?

Sample **Answers**

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Paragraph Questions

1) Is there a topic sentence? What is the topic? What is/are the controlling ideas?

Yes. Topic: AI on the future of work. Controlling ideas: automation and job creation.

ALL ANSWERS INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...