



Academic Writing



Paragraph Writing: Quotations

Circular Economy

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Writing Exercise: Paraphrasing EXAMPLE

Topic: Circular Economy

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 circular economy differs from a linear one.'
- Write down the pros and cons of a circular economy ([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 pros of a circular economy far outweigh the cons'. 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 peer review form page 5](#)) or teacher marks [use marking code: www.academic-englishuk.com/error-correction].
- Give out 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.

Circular Economy: Writing Exercise 1

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

1. 'The circular economy gives us the tools to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss together, while addressing important social needs' (Ellen MacArthur Foundation, n.d).
2. 'Part of this [redacted] when a [redacted] limited lifespan to encourage consumers to buy it again' (European Parliament, 2023).
3. 'From [redacted], adoption of the circular economic model improves competition within the free market, increases [redacted], and [redacted]. A new service-based economy will also create diverse jobs across industrial sectors such as [redacted]' (Dhaliwal, 2023).
4. 'A [redacted] circular economy is the lack of necessary infrastructure in order to recycle and reuse diverse types [redacted] labour in the [redacted] the standards required for circular economic development' (Dhaliwal, 2023).
5. 'Moving towards a more circular [redacted] could [redacted] and create jobs' (European Parliament, 2023).
6. 'A circular business model is sustainable [redacted] from the product' (Atasu et al., 2021).
7. [redacted] economy [redacted] materials and products to be less resource intensive, and recaptures "waste" as a resource to [redacted]' (United States Environmental Protection Agency, 2023).
8. 'Creating a circular business model [redacted] can be expensive' (Atasu et al., 2021).
9. 'Creating more [redacted] would help to reduce energy and resource consumption, as it is estimated that more than 80% [redacted]' (European Parliament, 2023).
10. 'Not all products or materials [redacted]' (Dhaliwal, 2023).

References

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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 adopting a circular economy over a linear one can be enjoyed both in terms [redacted] reported by the United States Environmental [redacted] Agency (2023), the foundation [redacted] and redesign materials [redacted] only have a significant impact on [redacted] of resources used, but also [redacted]. In turn, the more efficient [redacted] less energy would need to be consumed, [redacted] considerably [redacted] environmental [redacted] (European Parliament, 2023). In terms of business, Dhaliwal (2023) claims [redacted] value of [redacted] lead to a more competitive supply and demand [redacted] allowing for the [redacted] in sectors [redacted] manufacturing [redacted] based to service- [redacted], which could again result [redacted] as a whole.

170 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?

Topic: Benefits of a circular economy. Controlling ideas: business and environment.

ALL ANSWERS INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...