



Academic Writing



Paragraph Writing: Quotations

Surveillance Technology

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Writing Exercise: Paraphrasing

Topic: Surveillance Technology

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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 type of exercise practises paraphrasing and linking devices.

1. Lead in

Ask students to:

- Discuss different ways in which we are watched.
- Write down 'the reasons for and against increasing surveillance technology' ([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 the quotations and write a paragraph (approx. 120-180 words) on the following: *'The reasons against increasing surveillance technology far outweigh the reasons for'*. 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 put in a 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 for analysis ([page 6](#)).
- Students answer the questions with a partner.
- Distribute, display or project answers for the paragraph analysis activity ([page 7](#)).

Differentiation

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

Surveillance Technology: Writing Exercise 1

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Choose three of these quotations and write a paragraph (approx. 120-180 words) on the following: 'The reasons against an increase in surveillance technology far outweigh the reasons for'. Use accurate in-text citation and appropriate paraphrasing.

1. 'Dr Tony Mansfield, a principal research scientist at the National Physical Laboratory, said the system used by the Metropolitan police, the ██████████ black individuals on a set of test data created for his investigations' (Boffey, 2023).
2. 'Inside ██████████ gives officers specific ██████████ crime data' (Mozur and Satariano, 2023).
3. '██████████ biometric surveillance ██████████ line between what is private and public ██████████ increasingly blurred' (Sampson, as cited by Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner, 2023).
4. '██████████ of automobile accidents, predicted the roughly 4,000 most dangerous drivers in Dubai, who will receive ██████████' (Mozur and Satariano, 2023).
5. 'This ██████████ is highly problematic, ██████████ erode our trust' (Privacy International, 2023).
6. 'The power ██████████ problem. We need these advances in science and technology for the common good, such as the use ██████████' (Azer, 2023).
7. 'For example, video surveillance ██████████ climate protests in ██████████ thousands of minors and children. ██████████ around children's privacy' (Azer, 2023).
8. 'The tools ██████████ attacks' (Mozur and Satariano, 2023).
9. 'Notices are served by the UK government to ██████████ to do certain ██████████ equipment interference (also known as hacking)' (Privacy International, 2023).
10. '██████████ signals an ██████████ software, data and code as on officers ██████████' (Mozur and Satariano, 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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Surveillance technology has become increasingly [redacted], largely [redacted] artificial intelligence. However, critics of this advanced surveillance technology are mainly [redacted]. Sampson (as cited [redacted] Commissioner, 2023) argues that its intrusiveness has led to less defined boundaries [redacted] public [redacted] UK government are currently considering implementing a new regime, whereby [redacted] will grant [redacted], something which Privacy International (2023) claims will make the public less [redacted]. Azer (2023) adds that [redacted], and having [redacted] could compromise their safety. Therefore, [redacted] a place safer, [redacted] invasive it becomes, [redacted] trust [redacted] in it.

151 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?

ANSWERS

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

Topic: Advanced surveillance technology. Controlling idea: Privacy.

ALL ANSWERS INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...