

# Paraphrase

Restating, in your own words, the content (words) of the speaker's verbal communication to affirm the speaker and confirm the accuracy of your understanding of what was said.

Contains a **paraphrase stem**.  
Contains **key words** of the speaker.  
**Not longer** than the original statement.

## Characteristics of an Effective Paraphrase

## Paraphrase Stems

"Let me check to see if I am getting this correctly..."

"Let me repeat what I'm hearing..."

"I understand you to say that..."

"What I hear you saying is..."

"You're telling me that..."

"You are saying that..."