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In *C21 English for the 21st Century*, Level 5, you look at paraphrasing as a way of summarizing the key points from a text while avoiding plagiarism, and you practise comparing an original text with a paraphrase. This Worksheet will help you to hone your paraphrasing abilities. You will practise using some of the vocabulary and grammar which will enable you to paraphrase well in academic settings.

Note: For all of the activities on this Worksheet, you can use a dictionary if you need to.

Practice

1 Match the words in the box to their synonyms.

amend	contend	definition	established	influence
outcome	particular	reject	scrutinize	sufficient

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| a | adequate | _____ | f | consequence | _____ |
| b | affect | _____ | g | contradict | _____ |
| c | argue | _____ | h | edit | _____ |
| d | characterization | _____ | i | evaluate | _____ |
| e | confirmed | _____ | j | specific | _____ |

2 Fill in the table of word forms.

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
_____	_____	_____	analytically
_____	conclude	_____	_____
_____	_____	significant	_____
specification	_____	_____	_____

3 Complete the paraphrases with the words from the box. Use each word once.

alternative	culture	equality	holistic	inequality	occupational
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Original phrase	Paraphrase
a the disparity in wealth between the richest and the poorest people	income _____
b an analysis incorporating all the relevant factors	a _____ analysis
c a range of measurable indicators for the relative political and economic power of men and women	gender _____
d education in the skills needed to get a job	_____ preparation
e an experience of disorientation when confronted with an unfamiliar context	_____ shock
f a range of treatments not approved by mainstream specialists	_____ medicine

- 4** Is the paraphrase accurate or inaccurate? Tick (✓) for accurate or cross (X) for inaccurate. If it is inaccurate, rewrite it by adding or changing one word.

Original	Paraphrase	✓ or X
a There doesn't seem to be a magic rule for creating a successful crowdfunding project.	The success of crowdfunding projects can always be explained by a single criterion.	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Since penicillin was first mass-produced in 1944, doctors have prescribed antibiotics in large quantities.	The production of antibiotics on an industrial scale, beginning in 1944, has led to a significant decrease in their use.	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Perhaps the most astonishing convergence of beliefs among millennials worldwide is their scepticism about the ability of governments to solve the world's problems.	There is widespread agreement among millennials that governments are best placed to tackle global issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>
d Crick and Watson's discovery of the structure of DNA amazed the scientific community, and they were soon celebrated around the world. However, as is the case with most complex problems, the solution was only found after years of hard work by several people.	Although Crick and Watson received most of the credit for the discovery of the structure of DNA, several other people made very important contributions.	<input type="checkbox"/>
e Before the printing press, the written word had only reached a small minority of the population – people rich enough to afford handwritten books.	Prior to the invention of the printing press, most people had never owned or read a book. This was largely due to how expensive books were to produce.	<input type="checkbox"/>
f Problems can arise when patients only use alternative medicine, as they are likely to be missing out on vital conventional medicine.	Patients who exclusively use alternative medicines will probably get the treatment they need.	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 5**  Read the original text. Then complete the paragraph with the lettered phrases.

Predictive policing

Several police forces have recently begun using algorithms to make decisions on where and when to focus their limited resources most efficiently. By analyzing masses of previous crime figures, then adding other data related to the crimes, such as time of day or even outside temperatures, they can identify correlations in the data and use the information to target specific areas at specific times. While the results from this type of 'predictive policing' have been impressive, concerns have been raised about police bias being amplified. Since the crime statistics are usually based on arrests rather than crimes, there is a risk of it becoming a vicious circle. The police focus on certain crimes by certain people in certain areas. The numbers are therefore very high for these areas and people. Then, because of the algorithms, the police spend more time in these areas, make more arrests and so on. Ironically, a system which aims to be more objective may actually be reinforcing previously held bias.

- a** are used to predict and target crime in certain places at certain times
- b** encourage the police to repeat these patterns
- c** encourages subjective prejudice
- d** identify patterns in historical crime figures
- e** is circular

- f** is successful
- g** may reinforce, rather than weaken, existing biases
- h** reflects unfair practices of making high numbers of arrests in certain areas
- i** will be 'successful' – on its own terms


According to Scott-Barrett (2017), the use of algorithms to decide how to allocate police resources ____¹. The algorithms ____² by location, time of day, outside temperature and other factors. These patterns ____³. Although there is evidence that this approach ____⁴, Scott-Barrett suggests that the way this success is defined ____⁵. The problem is that the historical data ____⁶; consequently the algorithms ____⁷. And as long as the police make enough arrests in the target areas, the approach ____⁸. Paradoxically, the supposed 'objectivity' of this approach ____⁹.

6 Paraphrase the text. The author is Jake Hughes, and the date of publication is 2017.

Acupuncture

There is a wide range of approaches to acupuncture, but generally it involves the patient lying still while between five and twenty needles are inserted into their skin. The needles are normally left in the skin for ten to twenty minutes. Acupuncture has been shown to be effective in relieving some types of pain, especially in the knee. So how does it work? It was originally based on a theory that there is an energy – or life force – which flows through our bodies. When this free flow is interrupted, problems arise. Many advocates of acupuncture believe it helps to restore this free flow of energy.

Reflect

- 7**  Read the texts in Exercise 5 again. Look at phrases a–i. Which phrases have direct parallels in the original text? Which don't?