

Paraphrasing



There are a few ways of paraphrasing, first up: Vocabulary

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1. This is the easiest and involves the use of synonyms:

e.g. **"I like music"**

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| possible synonyms: verbs | love / adore |
| phrases | to be keen on / fond of / to be into |
| phrasal verbs | to be mad about |

Can you think of synonyms for **"I don't like music"**?

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| verbs | _____ |
| phrases | _____ |
| phrasal verbs | _____ |

2. Now let's look at how we could change a more complex sentence

"There has been little impact of the Brexit vote on the UK economy so far"*

Which words can you think of synonyms for, remember synonyms don't have to merely be one word, phrases can function in the same way.

*<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-37428764>

Now try to think of how to complete this table

| Original word | Synonym |
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| Little impact | |
| UK economy | |
| So far | |

3. Using your synonyms rewrite the sentence, take into account the fact that some of the synonyms may require you to change the sentence structure.

4. Now look at this, which follows on from the earlier statement.

"Official figures have not yet reflected the collapse in confidence predicted by some surveys since the referendum. But the ONS warned that we have not yet had official figures for the service sector, which are due next week."

Which words could be replaced with synonyms?

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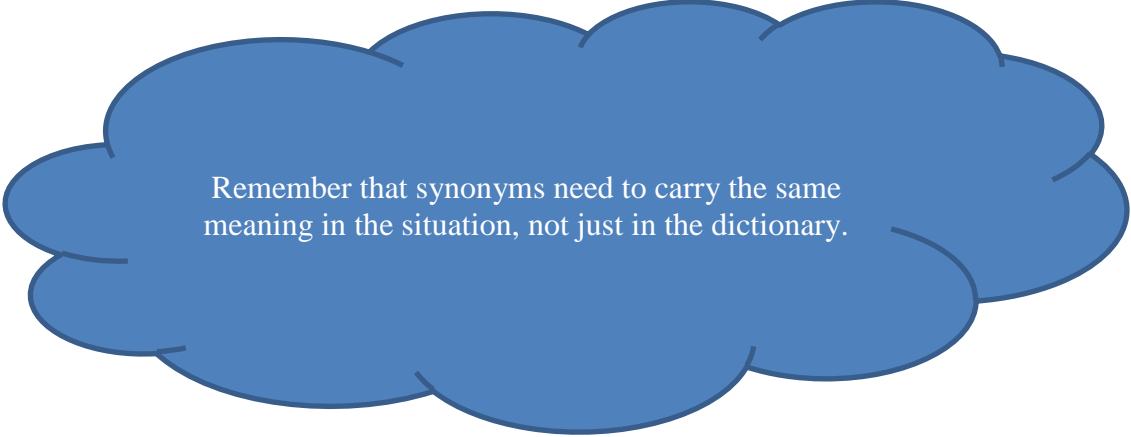
5. Two examples

“Official figures have not yet reflected the collapse in confidence predicted by some surveys since the referendum. But the ONS warned that we have not yet had official figures for the service sector, which are due next week.”

Now look at the two paraphrases below and decide which is better and think why.

A) Government statistics are yet to show the monumental loss of public faith that many forecast would happen after the referendum. However, the ONS stressed that so far we had not seen the government's statistics for the service sector because they are expected in the following week.

B) Official numbers have so far not shown the lack of confidence predicted by some surveys since the referendum. However, the ONS warned that we have not yet had official statistics for the service sector, which are expected next week.



Remember that synonyms need to carry the same meaning in the situation, not just in the dictionary.