

Paraphrasing Another Text

Use this worksheet to practice what is discussed in

- **Information Sheet 6: Paraphrasing another text.**

Task 1

Information Sheet 6 identifies 11 different ways to paraphrase a text:

1. Start at a different part of the text depending on the focus
2. Break up long sentences, combine short sentences, expand or shorten phrases
3. Change the subject of a sentence
4. Use synonyms/antonyms
5. Replace a noun with a verb
6. Use singular instead of plural or specific instead of general
7. Move modifiers
8. Replace passive voice with active voice or vice versa
9. Change numbers to percentages or vice versa
10. Use different connecting words/phrases
11. Use a different definition structure.

Which methods have been used to paraphrase the text below?

Text

Original: *“More elderly women have been killed by the recent flu epidemic than elderly men. Elderly women, defined as women over 65, made up more than half of the population who died due to flu last year. It stands to reason that investigating the causes of this difference is important” (Wegner, 2019).*

Paraphrase: *Wegner (2019) investigated deaths from the 2018/19 flu epidemic and found that it killed more elderly women than elderly men: more than 50% of those killed by flu in 2018 were females over 65. Investigating the reasons for this difference is, therefore, crucial.*

Answers

Methods 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10

Task 2

Paraphrase the conclusion below.



Although SAR interferometry using ALOS-2 PALSAR-2 data can map degraded peatlands efficiently and accurately, the weakness of this approach is the detailed time unit because it was developed on the basis of an annual unit analysis. Therefore, for more accuracy, this method still requires in situ field measurement. Consequently, to obtain comprehensive and complementary results when monitoring degraded peatland areas, a combination of the two approaches of SAR interferometry and the installation of a real-time water-table depth monitoring system is recommended.

Adapted from: <https://doi.org/10.3390/geosciences9110484> (Widodo et al. 2019)

Possible Answer

Widodo et al. (2019) conclude that the detailed time unit required when using SAR interferometry with ALOS-2 PALSAR-2 weakens the method. Thus, to increase accuracy when mapping peatland degradation, they recommend combining this method with real-time water-table depth data.

This paraphrase is, additionally, a summary as it only contains the main points of the original text (only 39 of the original 81 words).

Additional Information

The two texts above were checked on <https://freeplagiarismchecker.pro/>. The website found the correct source for the original text. It only found incorrect sources for the paraphrase, indicating that the paraphrase might not be considered plagiarism.

