

2 SYNONYMS

PART 1: NOMINALIZATION REVIEW

We learned about nominalizations in the last chapter. We also discovered that paraphrasing requires a good knowledge of collocations.

Part A Write a sentence with a collocation: use a verb and add a noun.

launch conduct give

Part B Write a sentence with a noun and preposition.

invade assess discuss analyze

Part C: Nominalize. Change the verbs to nouns.

- 1 I need to change something in my life.
- 2 Heavy rains flooded the building.
- 3 The coroner examined the body.

Part D: Unnominalize. Change the nouns to verbs.

- 1 The father's adoration for his daughter was endless.
- 2 Globalization largely benefits the bourgeoisie.
- 3 The government stimulus package is expected to spark consumer demand for more green energy.

PART 2: SYNONYMS

Find a synonym for the underlined words/phrases. Re-write each sentence using these new words or phrases. For example:

More than half of the women who attended the one-day meeting were in business with their spouses.

Possible answers:

The majority of the women attending the day-long meeting were in business with their husbands.

PART 3: PARAPHRASE SENTENCES

Read the sentences. Paraphrase the sentences by replacing the underlined words and phrases with synonyms.

- 1 Approximately 30,000 children may be assisted by the proposed "free lunch" program.
- 2 With the development of flash memory cards, the market for portable music players jumped sharply.
- 3 Although the coach's strategy was a little dangerous, the team was successful.
- 4 Therefore, the effect was an increase in student examination results.
- 5 In addition, a strong typhoon is expected to batter the coast over the next few days.
- 6 The expenditure needed to combat climate change will require changes to the federal government's budget.

- 7 The engineer must judge how much dynamite to use according to the volume of material to be removed from the tunnel.
- 8 Two students were expelled for violating the school's "no fighting" policy.
- 9 Hurricane winds hammered the outskirts of the capital city.
- 10 A big monster met a little sick cat on the road.

PART 4: MORE PARAPHRASE PRACTICE

Read the text. Paraphrase the text. Use 2 or 3 synonyms per sentences.

Cell phone usage has exploded over the past decade and continues to rise. Today there are over one billion users worldwide. Concern has arisen over whether or not cell phone usage can harm a person's health. Brain cancer rates in the United States have risen since cell phones were introduced, leading some people to wonder if cell phone usage is the reason for the increase.

PART 5: SYNTHESIS

Write a one or two paragraph opinion piece. The objectives are as follows:

- 1 write an argument and support your idea with reasons, evidence and details
- 2 support by your argument by paraphrasing ideas from two outside sources of information
- 3 reference one outside argument (again by paraphrasing) that refutes your claim
- 4 address or defeat those negative claims
- 5 make a short conclusion

The topic: Use of cellphones in the car should be legalized.

Paraphrase parts of the PRO and CON information below with synonyms and add it to your text where useful.

PRO LEGAL

Cell phone use within cars is linked with an increased chance of an accident. This is because if a driver only has a single hand on the wheel s/he lacks the ability to control the car properly. Further, with both a hands free set, drivers have their hearing impaired by the phone call, reducing their ability to react to certain hazards. Dialling the phone results in an even worse outcome as it takes the concentration of the driver away more. Estimates indicate that such phone use has led to the death of 2,600 drivers annually in the U.S. (The Dominion Post, 2008)

CON LEGAL

It has been found by some studies that banning cell phone usage does not have a significant impact on the reduction of car wrecks. This might be plausible because being able to call ahead to work for example and tell them that you will be late reduces the chance that people will speed on the roads. It also reduces the chance that you will attempt to weave between traffic to increase your speed even where acceleration might not be possible. (Paul Tetlock, 2000)

PART 6: POSSIBLE ANSWERS

Review Part A

- 1 North Korea launched a missile today.
- 2 It is necessary to conduct an investigation whenever an employee dies on the job.
- 3 The student gave a wonderful speech.

Review Part B

- 1 Computer chips in a passport represent an invasion of privacy.
- 2 Could you give me an assessment of this program?
- 3 It is time to wrap up our discussion of cell phones and brain cancer.
- 4 The medical lab completed their analysis of the blood sample.

Review Part C

- 1 I need a change.
- 2 There was flooding in the building by heavy rains.
- 3 The coroner did an examination of the body.

Review Part D

- 1 The father adored his daughter endlessly.
- 2 The ability to globalize corporate operations largely benefits the bourgeoisie.
- 3 The government stimulus package is expected to spark consumer willingness to buy more green energy.

Sentences with Synonyms

- 1 Approximately 30,000 children may be assisted by the proposed “free lunch” program.
About 30,000 students may be helped by the planned “free lunch” program.
- 2 With the development of flash memory cards, the market for portable music players jumped sharply.
With the invention of flash memory cards, the demand for portable music players increased significantly.
- 3 Although the coach’s strategy was a little dangerous, the team was successful.
Even though the coach’s plan was risky, the team was successful.
- 4 Therefore, the effect was an increase in student examination results.
Consequently, the net result was an increase in student test scores.
- 5 In addition, a strong typhoon is expected to batter the coast over the next few days.
Furthermore, a powerful hurricane is expected to hit the coast over the next few days.
- 6 The expenditure needed to combat climate change will require changes to the federal government’s budget.
The money needed to fight climate change will require changes to the federal government’s financial plans.

- 7 The engineer must judge how much dynamite to use according to the volume of material to be removed from the tunnel.
The engineer must decide how much dynamite to use depending on the amount of material to be removed from the tunnel.
- 8 Two students were expelled for violating the school's "no fighting" policy.
Two students were kicked out of school for breaking the school's "no fighting" rule.
- 9 Hurricane winds hammered the outskirts of the capital city.
Cyclone winds battered the area surrounding the capital city.
- 10 A big monster met a little sick cat on the road.
A large monster came across a tiny sick cat on the road.

POSSIBLE TEXT PARAPHRASE

Mobile phone usage has increased sharply over the past 10 years and continues to rise. Today more than one billion phones are in use around the world. Questions have arisen over whether cell phone usage can negatively impact a person's health. The incidence of brain cancer in the United States has increased since cell phones were introduced, prompting some people to wonder if cell phone usage is causing the change.

CELL PHONES

Cell phone usage in cars should be illegal because of safety. Driving a car or truck safely requires great concentration. Pedestrians, crazy motorcyclists and careless taxi drivers are just some of the obstacles that drivers need to see and avoid while driving on the roads. Talking on a phone, or worse dialing a number, reduces driver attention. As noted in the Dominion Post, in car phone usage causes 2,600 driver fatalities in the US each year.

Some people say prohibiting cell phone usage in the car has had no real impact on the number of accidents. The reason, according to Paul Tetlock, is because people don't need to drive quickly if they can call work and notify the office that they are behind schedule. This reason seems unlikely because being late for work is not the only reason why people get in accidents. People get in accidents because they do not pay attention to the road. Not paying attention reduces driver safety. Therefore, anything that distracts drivers and reduces safety, like cell phone usage, should be banned.