

Paraphrasing Practice

Use the steps you learned to paraphrase a portion of each of the following passages:

"Mr. Bucket was the only person in the family with a job. He worked in a toothpaste factory, where he sat all day long at a bench and screwed the little caps on to the tops of the tubes of toothpaste after the tubes had been filled. But a toothpaste cap-screw is never paid very much money, and poor Mr Bucket, however hard he worked, and however fast he screwed on the caps, was never able to make enough to buy one half of the things that so large a family needed." (Excerpt from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl).

Your paraphrase:

"On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson, age 28, becomes the first African American player in Major League Baseball's modern era when he steps onto Ebbets Field in Brooklyn to compete for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson broke the color barrier in a sport that had been segregated for more than 50 years. Exactly 50 years later, on April 15, 1997, Robinson's groundbreaking career was honored and his uniform number, 42, was retired from Major League Baseball by Commissioner Bud Selig in a ceremony attended by over 50,000 fans at New York City's Shea Stadium. Robinson's was the first-ever number retired by all teams in the league." (Excerpted from "Jackie Robinson Breaks Color Barrier," *History*, <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/jackie-robinson-breaks-color-barrier>).

Your paraphrase:



PLAGIARISM

When you take another person's words or ideas and use them as your own.

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PARAPHRASING

Putting someone else's passage in your own words.

3 STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARAPHRASING

1. Read and re-read the material want to use.
2. Identify the main ideas.
3. Write about it in a different order and in a different way.