

Teaching ESL students how to become better writers.

Lesson 1: Paraphrase with Synonyms

What to do: Find a synonym for the words/phrases that are underlined. 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 answer:
	The majority of the women who went to the one-day meeting were in business with their husbands.
1.	Approximately 30,000 students may be assisted by the proposed "free lunch" program.
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2.	With the <u>development</u> of flash memory cards, the <u>market</u> for portable music players <u>jumped sharply</u> .
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3.	Although the coach's strategy was a little dangerous, the team was successful.
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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 <u>expenditure</u> needed <u>to combat</u> climate change will require changes to the federal government's <u>budget</u> .
7.	The engineer must judge how much dynamite to use according to the volume of material to be removed from the tunnel.
8.	Two of the students were <u>expelled</u> for <u>violating</u> the school's "no fighting" <u>policy</u> .



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Possible answers.

- Approximately 30,000 students may be <u>assisted</u> by the <u>proposed</u> "free lunch" program.
 About 30,000 students may be <u>helped</u> by the <u>planned</u> "free lunch" program.
- 2. With the <u>development</u> of flash memory cards, the <u>market</u> for portable music players jumped sharply.
 - With the <u>invention</u> of flash memory cards, the <u>demand</u> for portable music players <u>increased significantly</u>.
- 3. <u>Although</u> the coach's <u>strategy</u> was <u>a little dangerous</u>, the team was successful.
 - Even though the coach's plan was risky, the team was successful.
- 4. <u>Therefore</u>, the <u>effect</u> was an increase in student <u>examination results</u>.
 - Consequently, the result was an increase in student test scores.
- 5. <u>In addition, a strong typhoon is expected to batter the coast over the next few days.</u>
 - <u>Furthermore</u>, a strong <u>hurricane</u> is expected <u>to hit</u> the coast over the next few days.
- 6. The <u>expenditure</u> needed <u>to combat</u> climate change will require changes to the federal government's <u>budget</u>.
 - The <u>money</u> needed <u>to fight</u> climate change will require changes to the federal government's financial plans.
- 7. The engineer must <u>judge</u> how much dynamite to use <u>according</u> to the <u>volume</u> of material to be removed from the tunnel.
 - The engineer must <u>decide</u> how much dynamite to use <u>depending</u> on the <u>amount</u> of material to be removed from the tunnel.
- 8. Two of the students were <u>expelled</u> for <u>violating</u> the school's "no fighting" <u>policy</u>.
 - Two students were kicked out of school for breaking the school's "no fighting" rule.