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**Paraphrasing & Summarizing**

**Worksheet**

In order to **paraphrase**, follow these steps:

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| 1-read and understand. |
| 2-highlight key words and points. |
| 3-reorganize information, separate ideas and decompose longer and complex sentences. |
| 4-change the words and the structure by  *a-Finding equivalent words or phrases (synonyms). A dictionary, thesaurus or online search can be useful*  *Remark: preserve the meaning of the original text, particularly if you're dealing with technical or scientific terms.*  *b-Change the words form of the words e.g. turn a verb into a noun.*  *c- Change the grammatical structure and the word order.* |
| 5-write from memory what you have understood from the text. |
| 6-compare your writing to the original text. Make sure that you have included all the necessary details. |

**Task1: Paraphrase the following text.**

‘The potential of Internet memes for political communication and mobilisation is a relatively new topic in academic studies. Internet memes arethe viral units of digital communication that flourish on user adjustment and replication. Yet, when used strategically, they become ‘mindbombs’, or symbolic texts with condensed ideas and ample connotations, that help to attract attention to the political issues and suggest alternative interpretations to the news. [[1]](#footnote-1)

(Bertazzoli, 2019, p195)

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When you **summarise,** follow these steps:

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| 1. Get a general idea of the original text. |
| 2. Scann the text carefully. |
| 3.Break the text down into sections to make the text more manageable and to understand its sub-points. |
| 4. Identify the key points in each section. |
| 5. Take notes. Use bullet points, and introduce each bullet with a key word or idea. |
| 6. Write Your Summary. Turn each bullet point into a full sentence. Aim to use only your own notes, and refer to original documents only if you really need to. This helps to ensure that you use your own words and style. |
| 7. Check your work. |

**.Task2: Summarize the text from Task 1.**

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1. Bertazzoli, A. (2019) *Internet Memes and Society: Social, Cultural, and Political Contexts*. Routledge. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)