

Paraphrasing practice

A student is drawing on a particular section of a textbook in writing his assignment. Which of the following are examples of acceptable paraphrasing?

Remember that poor paraphrasing can lead to an allegation of plagiarism.

Original Text

Le Grand and Winter (1987) argue that in the British case, those welfare programmes which served the middle class (such as education and health) suffered far less during the new right welfare backlash of the 1980s than did programmes which (almost) exclusively served the poor (such as social security, public housing and the personal social services). (Wilson, 1993, p144)

Wilson, M. (1993) The German Welfare State: A Conservative Regime in Crisis. In: Cochrane, A. and Clarke, J., eds. (1993) Comparing Welfare States. Britain in an International Context. London: Sage, 1993 pp 141 – 171

Example 1

The student writes:

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In the British case, those welfare programmes which served the middle class (such as education and health) suffered far less during the new right welfare backlash of the 1980s than did programmes which (almost) exclusively served the poor.

Is this an example of good paraphrasing practice?

Example 2

The student writes:

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In Britain, those welfare programmes which served the middle classes suffered far less during the new right welfare backlash than those which exclusively served the poor. (Le Grand and Winter 1987)

Is this an example of good paraphrasing practice?

Example 3

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Le Grand and Winter (1987) argue that welfare programmes which served the middle class (such as education and health) suffered less in the 1980s than did programmes which served the poor (such as social security, public housing and the personal social services). (Wilson, 1993)

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Example 4

The student writes:

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Various authors (eg Le Grand and Winter 1987) have suggested that in Britain, those social support schemes which aided the middle class (eg education and health) endured far less in the conservative social counteraction of the 1980's than the schemes for the lower classes. (Cochrane and Clarke, 1993)

Is this an example of good paraphrasing practice?

Example 5

The student writes:

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Le Grand and Winter (1987) stated that in the 1980's, middle class welfare programmes suffered less than those for the poorer classes in the "new right welfare backlash".(Wilson, 1993, p144)

Is this an example of good paraphrasing practice?

Example 6

The student writes:

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It can be argued that the conservative reactionary policies of the 1980s caused far less damage to middle class welfare than to the provision for poorer sections of society. Thus schools and hospital services were less badly affected than for example council housing and unemployment benefits. (see Le Grand and Winter, 1987, cited in Wilson 1993, p 144)

Is this an example of good paraphrasing practice?