Paraphrasing

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: To **paraphrase** means to say the same idea in **your own words**. Keep the meaning, but change the words and the order. Don't copy!

Steps: 1. Read it. 2. Cover it. 3. Say it your way. 4. Write it. 5. Check that the meaning is the same.



1. Pick the best paraphrase

Circle the sentence that keeps the meaning but uses different words.

1. Original: Penguins cannot fly, but they are excellent swimmers.

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(b) Penguins are great at swimming even though they can't fly.
(c) Penguins fly very high.

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(a) Bees use nectar from flowers to make honey.
(b) Flowers make honey for bees.
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3. Original: A giraffe's long neck helps it reach leaves high in trees.

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(b) A giraffe's long neck helps it reach leaves high in trees.
(c) Giraffes can eat leaves at the tops of trees because their necks are so long.

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2. Your turn

Paraphrase each fact. Cover the fact before you write!

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Answers will vary. These are examples.

1. Sea otters hold paws while they sleep so they do not float away.
   Sleeping sea otters hold hands to stay together.
2. Octopuses have eight arms and three hearts.
   An octopus has three hearts and eight arms.
3. Camels can go many days without drinking water.
   A camel can travel for days with no water.
4. Owls can turn their heads very far to look behind them.
   An owl can twist its head around to see what is behind it.