

Game 9: Paraphrase It!

Paraphrase It! provides students with practice saying the same thing in a variety of different ways by paraphrasing. Paraphrasing allows students to be creative with language to express a particular meaning, while practicing different grammatical structures, word forms, and vocabulary.

Instructions

1. Have students (the players) sit in groups of 3–4.
2. Put the *Picture This* cards in a box, bag, or basket (where players cannot see them) in the center of the classroom.
3. Invite someone (Player 1) from each group to take a card, carry it to his or her group, and place it on the table so that the question side faces up.
4. The players should work together to see how many ways they can ask each question using different words. Give players a set amount of time to make questions for the card.
5. End the game after the specified amount of time.

Optional: To make this game more competitive, form two or more teams, and have each team write down their paraphrases for the same *Picture This* card. After 10 minutes, have groups exchange papers and check each other's questions. See which team got the most correct paraphrases. Note that this option requires multiple copies of the *Picture This* cards.

“Player Talk” in *Paraphrase It!*

Beverages

Original Question:

Which drink on the card is the healthiest? Why?

Paraphrases:

Which is the best for you? Why?

Of these drinks, which is the healthiest? Why?

Which is the healthiest? Why?