

Annotating Using Paraphrasing

Highlight important information only. When focusing on paraphrasing, you want to put the information in each paragraph **into your own words**. Someone who has not read the article should gain a clear understanding of what it was about simply by reading your annotations. This is how you show that you understand the text.

Below, you will see important information in each paragraph has been highlighted. **The boxes in the margins are examples of paraphrasing annotations.** Notice how each annotation clearly retells what the text was about.

Can You Hear Me Now?

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Everyday activities like listening to an iPod, playing loud video games and going to the movies can put your hearing at risk. Loud noises can damage the inner ear. This type of hearing loss can't be healed. But it can be prevented. Find out how to protect yourself.

Block, walk and turn--that's what hearing safety experts want you to do when you come across a really loud noise. Block the noise from entering your ears; walk away from it; and turn it down. Those are your first steps in staying safe (see "Dial It Down!").

On average, 15% of all school-age children live with some hearing loss. And it's a growing problem. A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2010 found a 31% rise from 1994 to 2006 in hearing loss among kids ages 12 to 19.

A 2011 study by Harvard Medical School did not find the same significant increase. But the Harvard study found that teenage girls have more hearing problems than teenage boys. The study did not track kids into adulthood.

Activities we do every day can damage our hearing. Loud iPods, video games and movies can cause irreversible damage, but it CAN be prevented.

Hearing loss is growing among school-aged kids, making it a big problem. In just 12 years there was a 31% increase in kids aged 12-19.

Steps to take to stay safe include blocking the noise, walking away from the noise or turning down the noise.

Girls are more prone to hearing loss and damage than boys are.