

## Journal Writing: Argumentative

Conduct a word study of “paraphrase”:

“Para” is a prefix that often appears in loan words from Greek and most often means 1) “beside” (i.e., paragraph, parallel, parachute) or 2) “beyond” (i.e., paranormal, paradox, paraprofessional). Consider the three types of paraphrases:

Feeling: acknowledging emotions (i.e., empathizing – statements that suggest the emotional message such as: You’re feeling....)

Content: a restatement in your own words (i.e., clarifying—“Do I have it?”)

Summary: a short synthesis of a long communication (restate another’s thoughts using different words)

Describe a time when you practiced “active listening.” Was it difficult? Why or why not?

Write about a time you reacted to an incident emotionally. How might the outcome have changed had you reacted rationally?

Compare and contrast the two of the following experiences:

1. Describe a time you were persuaded by force to do something you really didn’t want to do.
2. Describe a time you were persuaded by logic.
3. Describe a time you were persuaded by emotion.

Is it sometimes difficult to accept different perspectives on an issue? Why or why not? How did you feel when you were a minority on an issue? How did you feel when you were part of the majority on an issue?

Look at a window and write one sentence about what you see. Share your description with three other people. Discuss how your views may differ and still be accurate.