

Use of English B1.1: paráfrasis para entenderse

Ficha 2 de 4 · Permission, preference and obligation

LA REGLA

Parafrasear es decir lo mismo de otro modo: conserva quién actúa, cuándo, permiso, obligación y negación. Primero identifica la intención: pedir información (Where is the room?), pedir una acción (Could you open the door?), pedir permiso (May I use this?) o proponer un plan (Let's meet at five). En una pregunta indirecta el sujeto va antes del verbo: Could you tell me where the room is?; no uses does en esa subordinada. Would rather + verbo base expresa preferencia. Don't have to quita una obligación; mustn't prohíbe. Antes de elegir, descarta frases que cambien la persona, el momento o la fuerza de la petición.

¡Ojo! — el fallo típico. «You mustn't come» prohíbe venir; «You don't have to come» deja la decisión abierta. Intercambiarlas cambia el mensaje.

1 Clasifica cada frase por permiso, preferencia u obligación; escribe solo A-G.

A. May I leave early? · B. We have to bring a form. · C. I'd rather sit near the door. · D. Is it all right if I take a chair? · E. I prefer the morning class. · F. Everyone must sign in. · G. You are allowed to leave now.

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2 Completa la paráfrasis con una palabra.

I prefer the quiet room. → I'd use the quiet room.

3 Completa la paráfrasis con una palabra.

You needn't pay today. → You don't to pay today.

4 Completa la paráfrasis con una palabra.

Can I take a photo? → Is it all right
I take a photo?

5 Tacha el error y escribe solo la sustitución en la línea.

Could you tell me where is the desk?
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6 Tacha el error y escribe solo la sustitución en la línea.

I would rather to come on Friday.

7 Tacha el error y escribe solo la sustitución en la línea.

Is it all right I use this chair?

8 Tacha el error y escribe solo la sustitución en la línea.

Why we don't meet at the station?

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- 1 permission: A. May I leave early?, D. Is it all right if I take a chair?, G. You are allowed to leave now. · obligation: B. We have to bring a form., F. Everyone must sign in. · preference: C. I'd rather sit near the door., E. I prefer the morning class.
- 2 I prefer the quiet room. → I'd rather use the quiet room.
- 3 You needn't pay today. → You don't have to pay today.
- 4 Can I take a photo? → Is it all right if I take a photo?
- 5 Could you tell me where is the desk? → Could you tell me where the desk is?
- 6 I would rather to come on Friday. → I would rather come on Friday.
- 7 Is it all right I use this chair? → Is it all right if I use this chair?
- 8 Why we don't meet at the station? → Why don't we meet at the station?