

Use of English B1.1: paráfrasis para entenderse

Ficha 3 de 4 · Invitations and alternatives

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

Elige la paráfrasis que conserva el significado de «Could I use this seat?».

- ☐ Could you use this seat? ☐ May I use this seat?
☐ Is this seat already in use?

2

Elige la paráfrasis que conserva el significado de «Please tell me if the time changes.».

- ☐ Tell me the time now.
☐ Let me know if the time changes.
☐ Please change the time.

3 **Ante una invitación, clasifica aceptar, rechazar o proponer otra fecha; escribe solo A–G.**

A. Yes, I'd love to come. · B. Sorry, I can't make it on Tuesday. ·
 C. Could we meet on Thursday instead? · D. That sounds great. Count me in. · E. I'm afraid I have another appointment.
 · F. How about the following week? · G. I can come on Friday instead.

accept	decline	alternative
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4 **Completa la paráfrasis con una palabra.**

Please tell me when you arrive. → Let me
 when you arrive.

5 **Completa la paráfrasis con una palabra.**

I'm sorry I cannot attend. → I'm sorry, but I can't
 it.

6 **Completa la paráfrasis con una palabra.**

When does the show start? → Do you know when
 the show?

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

You mustn't bring a ticket; it is optional.

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

Do you know what time does the talk start?

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Recorta o dobla esta página antes de dar la ficha.

- 1 Elige la paráfrasis que conserva el significado de «Could I use this seat?». → May I use this seat?
- 2 Elige la paráfrasis que conserva el significado de «Please tell me if the time changes.». → Let me know if the time changes.
- 3 accept: A. Yes, I'd love to come., D. That sounds great. Count me in. · decline: B. Sorry, I can't make it on Tuesday., E. I'm afraid I have another appointment. · alternative: C. Could we meet on Thursday instead?, F. How about the following week?, G. I can come on Friday instead.
- 4 Please tell me when you arrive. → Let me know when you arrive.
- 5 I'm sorry I cannot attend. → I'm sorry, but I can't make it.
- 6 When does the show start? → Do you know when the show starts?
- 7 You mustn't bring a ticket; it is optional. → You don't have to bring a ticket; it is optional.
- 8 Do you know what time does the talk start? → Do you know what time the talk starts?