

COURSE: **Destination Reading III**
UNIT 20: **Detectives at Work:
Investigating a Mystery**

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Turn™**

Comprehension Strategy: Paraphrasing

Complete the following items to practice the comprehension strategy for this unit.

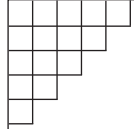
Choose the best paraphrase for each excerpt below. On the line below each question, explain why you chose your answer.

1. As Joshua walked home from school, he inhaled deeply. The breath of spring air was refreshing since it had been an especially bitter, cold, and snowy winter, and Joshua was glad to finally feel the warmth of the sunshine and see the grass beginning to grow.

- A. Joshua breathed in the fresh spring air as he walked home from school. It was good to feel the sunshine and see the green grass, especially since the winter had been so cold.
- B. As he walked home from school, Joshua took a deep breath. He was happy that it was springtime because the sun was shining and the grass was growing.
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**Learning
Objective:**

- Select good examples of paraphrasing. Identify sentences that use synonyms and changed word order to paraphrase a text.



2. He sat down at the kitchen table, took out his math book, took off his glasses, rubbed his itchy eyes, and then sat with his eyes closed for a moment. He loved the fresh air, but his allergies could be really aggravating.

- A. Even though Joshua loved the fresh spring air, sometimes the springtime was frustrating because it caused his allergies to act up. His allergies made his eyes itchy, so he took off his glasses to make his eyes feel better.
- B. He removed his glasses to rub his itchy eyes, and then left them close for a bit. He loved the springtime, but his allergies could be a bother.
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3. Since he didn't have his glasses, he couldn't see very well. "What a predicament! If I don't have my glasses, I can't see and if I can't see, I can't find my glasses!" Joshua mumbled in exasperation. Because his vision was so blurry, he tripped over the living room rug and ran into a side table, overturning a flowerpot, which just made him even more frustrated!

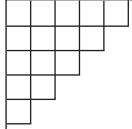
- A. Joshua wore glasses because he couldn't see well, which made him mad. So without his glasses, he obviously had trouble seeing anything.
- B. Joshua couldn't see very well without his glasses, and he couldn't find his glasses until he could see well. So he was really in a jam! Without his glasses, he was tripping and running into things, which only made matters worse.
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4. Just when Joshua was starting to resign hope of ever finding his glasses, his sister Samantha walked into the kitchen. "What's the matter, Joshua?" she asked. "I lost my glasses! I put them down for a second, and now I can't find them anywhere!" Joshua moaned.

- A. Samantha, Joshua's sister, walked into the kitchen just as Joshua was about to give up his search for his glasses. She asked him what was wrong, and he explained the mysterious disappearance of his glasses.
- B. Joshua had stopped looking for his glasses just when his sister walked in. She asked him, "What's wrong?" and he yelled at her, blaming her for taking his glasses.

5. Samantha started giggling. Since Joshua was so frazzled by his search, he became enraged by her laughter. "What are you laughing at?" he snapped. Then he grew suspicious of his sister.

- A. When Samantha started giggling at him, Joshua suddenly felt exhausted. After his search, he got angry and shouted at Samantha. Suddenly, he became afraid of his sister.
- B. Samantha started to laugh. Joshua was worn out and frustrated from looking for his glasses, so he got mad at his sister. But then he thought: What if *she* took my glasses?



Choose the best synonym for the bold word in each sentence.

1. Because it was such a **gorgeous** day, he decided to leave the door open.
 - A. beautiful
 - B. good
 - C. sunny
2. He loved the fresh air, but his allergies could be really **aggravating**.
 - A. severe
 - B. frustrating
 - C. painful
3. He frantically **retraced** his steps, but his glasses were nowhere to be found.
 - A. went back over
 - B. re-drew
 - C. ran
4. "What a **predicament!** If I don't have my glasses, I can't see and if I can't see, I can't find my glasses!" Joshua mumbled.
 - A. argument
 - B. confusion
 - C. problem
5. Since Joshua was so frazzled by his search, he became **enraged** by her laughter.
 - A. exhausted
 - B. puzzled
 - C. angered