



Academic English UK COURSES

Academic Writing



Paragraph Writing: Quotations

Artificial Intelligence
FREE LESSON

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Writing Exercise: Paraphrasing

Topic: A.I

Task 1: Introduction

Do some research and take some notes on the following:

1. How is A.I changing the future of work?
2. Write down the positives and negatives of using AI in employment ([you can do some internet research here](#)).
3. Decide where you stand. Are you for or against A.I being used in the future of work? Why?

Put your notes here:

Task 2: Quotations

Read through these ten quotations and choose three quotations to answer the question:

'The benefits of AI on the future of work far outweigh the negatives'.

1. *'One of the foremost benefits of AI is its ability to automate tasks that were once time-consuming and labour-intensive. AI-powered automation is becoming increasingly sophisticated, enabling businesses to streamline operations, cut costs, and allocate resources more efficiently' (HBR, 2022).*
2. *'Increased automation brought about by AI has the potential to displace jobs, particularly in fields where tasks are repetitive and easily automated. It could displace roughly 15% of workers, or 400 million people, worldwide by 2030' (The McKinsey Study, 2018).*
3. *'Some believe that as AI takes on more and more tasks, society will readjust and allow all of us more leisure time. It will become normal for people to work a shorter working day and a shorter working week, with the three-day weekend becoming the norm' (Newkey-Burden, 2023).*
4. *'AI technologies often collect and analyse large amounts of personal data, raising issues related to data privacy and security. In addition, AI can be vulnerable to data manipulation, so if the data is modified or poisoned, it can produce unexpected or even malicious outcomes' (MAR, 2023).*
5. *'AI-driven language translation tools have broken down communication barriers, enabling people from different linguistic backgrounds to connect and collaborate seamlessly. Real-time translation apps are benefiting global communication and business opportunities. (Medium, 2023).*
6. *'AI notoriously fails in capturing or responding to intangible human factors that go into real-life decision-making such as the ethical, moral, and other human considerations that guide the course of business, life, and society at large' (HBR, 2022).*
7. *'New jobs will be created as traditional jobs disappear. Reskilling and upskilling will become normal employment practice creating numerous opportunities working in AI such as machine learning engineers, data analysts and cyber security experts (The McKinsey Study, 2018).*
8. *'The concentration of AI development and ownership within a small number of large corporations and governments can exacerbate economic inequality as they accumulate wealth and power while smaller businesses struggle to compete' (MAR, 2023).*
9. *'Customer service has evolved significantly thanks to AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants. These systems can handle routine inquiries, troubleshoot problems, and provide real-time assistance, enhancing the overall customer experience' (Medium, 2023).*
10. *'AI systems can inadvertently perpetuate or amplify societal biases due to biased training data or algorithmic design. In addition, increasing reliance on AI-driven communication and interactions could lead to diminished empathy, social skills, and human connections' (Mar, 2023).*

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Task 3: Paragraph writing

Write a paragraph (approx. 120-180 words) **on the title** *'The benefits of AI on the future of work far outweigh the negatives'*. Use Harvard in-text citations and appropriate paraphrasing.

'The benefits of AI on the future of work far outweigh the negatives'.

Word Count: _____

Don't use AI / translation software to write your paragraph. Please write it by yourself so we can help improve your writing.

Task 4: Review / Editing

Use this table to check your paragraph

Paragraph Review Form

Includes links to information pages on specific writing conventions

	Yes	No
Do you have a clear topic sentence? Go here: topic sentences		
Is there a main argument? (your stance?)		
Are your ideas supported with evidence (quotations)? Go here: examples		
Have you used three quotes in the paragraph?		
Have you paraphrased the quotations effectively? Go here: paraphrasing		
Have you incorporated your sources effectively (integral / non-integral)? Go here: synthesis		
Have you used a range of reporting verbs? Go here: reporting verbs		
Is the in-text referencing accurate (name + date)? Go here: Harvard referencing		
Are there formal cohesive devices / connectors (in addition, furthermore, however, in contrast, etc..). Go here: cohesion		
Have you followed the conventions of academic style? Go here: academic style		
Is there a concluding sentence?		
Is the paragraph the correct word count (120 -180 words)?		

Task 5: Paragraph Writing Tutorial (optional)

Copy and paste your paragraph into the form on the [lesson webpage](#) and submit.

Your paragraph will be checked by academic tutors. We will look at task, grammar, vocabulary, cohesion, referencing and coherence. We will give you valuable feedback to improve your writing skills quickly. It will take approximately 1-2 days to return the paragraph back to you. This service costs £20 (see [lesson webpage](#) for details).

Task 6: Sample Paragraph

[Check your paragraph to this sample answer.](#)

Sample Answer

The benefits of AI on the future of work far outweigh the disadvantages through two key areas: automation and job creation. The most important function of AI is the reduction of human error through automation. According to HBR (2022), AI can perform everyday repetitive tasks far more efficiently than humans leading to faster decision making and increased productivity. Chatbots and virtual assistants are a good illustration of efficiency whereby routine enquiries can be handled 24/7 providing better customer service and freeing up staff for more creative problem-solving work (Medium, 2023). AI also brings benefits in job creation, as shown in The McKinsey Report (2018), which emphasises that upskilling and reskilling will become normal employment practice as AI creates new careers in areas like machine learning engineers, data analysts and cyber security experts. Overall, although AI may lead to a transformation of existing jobs, it offers new employment opportunities. The automation of repetitive tasks, the emergence of new sectors and the demand for AI-related skills will be the key benefits of the future of work.

174 Words

Task 7: Sample Paragraph Questions

[Answer these questions about the sample paragraph above.](#)

- 1) Is there a topic sentence? What is the topic? What is/are the controlling ideas?
- 2) Is there a main argument?
- 3) Which quotes were used?
- 4) Is it logical and clear? How has the paragraph been organised?
- 5) Is there an example?
- 6) Is there a concluding sentence? What is concluded?
- 7) How are the sources incorporated?

Task 8: Sample Paragraph Answers

Check your responses to these answers.

1) Is there a topic sentence? What is the topic? What is/are the controlling ideas?

Yes. Topic: AI on the future of work. Controlling ideas: automation and job creation.

2) Is there a main argument?

Yes - benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

3) Which quotes were used?

Quote 1 / Quote 9 / Quote 7.

4) Is it logical and clear? How has the paragraph been organised?

Yes - logical. Automation > efficiency > example (chatbots 24/7) > human focus on creative tasks + job benefits > upskilling & reskilling > new careers.

5) Is there an example?

Yes: chatbots and virtual assistants are a good illustration of...

6) Is there a concluding sentence? What is concluded?

New employment opportunities as AI takes over repetitive tasks.

7) How are the sources incorporated?

According to HBR (2022)... / ... problem-solving work (Medium, 2023) / as shown in The McKinsey Report (2018) , which emphasises that...