



"In your own words"



This type of question usually means to translate what the author has said.



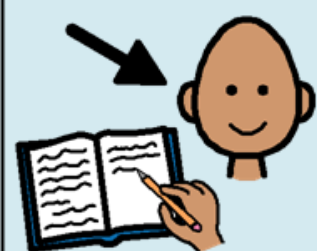
I do not have to change every word when changing it to my own words.



I do have to change the key words.



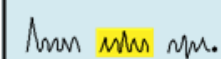
Example 1



The author has written:



The dog jumped over the fence.



The key words are:



dog



jumped over



fence

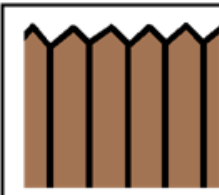


We can keep the other words in the sentence the same:

The



the



We need to change the key words.



animal



puppy



stray



mutt



vaulted



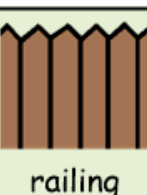
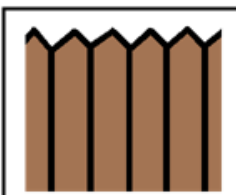
bound over



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railing



boundary wall



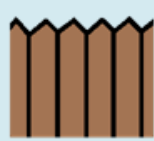
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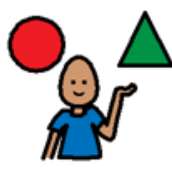
barrier



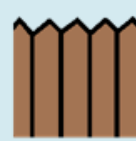
The sentence in your own words could now be:



The animal bounded over the barrier.



or



The mutt vaulted the enclosure.



This way you are expressing the author's idea without saying the exact same thing.



This shows understanding of the author's idea or theme.



The meaning of your sentence should be the same as the author's but using different words.



Can you think of another example?

