Summarizing is summing up a work or passage concisely using key points. Here is an example of what improper and proper paraphrasing looks like: Source "Physical therapists may move from their professional roles in patient care to their first managerial positions without much preparation for their new duties." 2 Proper Physical therapists may be ill prepared to take on the role of manager when they have only worked one on one with patients. Paraphrasing is translating a full passage into your own words and responding or expanding upon what was written originally. Improper Physical therapists may transition from patient care to a manager position without training for this job.