

| <u>The Original Text</u> | <u>Quotation</u> |
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| <p data-bbox="186 289 727 388">“Social Media is Making You Stupid” by Inc. (2014)</p> | <p data-bbox="755 273 1291 877">Many people have lost faith in the world today because no one puts in hard work any more. Instead of problem solving, people look for the easy way out. <i>Inc.</i>, a resource for business owners, states that, “the problem seems to be the human tendency to copy others” (Inc, 2014). Instead of working hard to achieve long-term success, people cut corners on a daily basis. It is not surprising that so many companies go out of business each year.</p> |
| <u>Paraphrase</u> | <u>Summarization</u> |
| <p data-bbox="186 1129 730 1390"><u>Original:</u> “Its not just that all those hours of clicking crops in Farmville and the like simply represents time that could be spent, say, reading a book and actually learning something. The greater problem seems to be the human tendency to copy others” (Inc., 2014).</p> <p data-bbox="186 1428 730 1801"><u>Paraphrase:</u> Even though time wasted playing mindless games on the internet could be spent doing something more intellectually productive, that is not the only reason why social media is making the current generations stupid. The issue that people fail to see is how social media allows copycats to succeed without putting in any hard work (Inc., 2014).</p> | <p data-bbox="787 1075 1279 1108">Write an overview of the main ideas:</p> |

© "In the short term, more connections yielded more right answers, but not because members were learning. Nope, they were just stealing" (Inc. 2014).

- Describe what you **think** about the quote.
- Start with "I think..."
- Write 4 sentences.
- Don't describe what you read; *explain* what it makes you **think** about.

© Practicing Paraphrasing

1. Interview your partner about their favorite vacation. Then, paraphrase their response.

2. Paraphrase the following passage:

The results offer encouragement for both fans and critics of social networks. If you look at things on the group level, there is reason for cheer. "Being able to copy from other people in vast networks means analytical (logical) responses rapidly spread, fulfilling their promise of improved decision-making for well-connected people," says Phys.org (Inc., 2014).