

Rephrasing Practice

Examine these three sentences:

- (a) Loretta explained the problem surprisingly clearly.
- (b) Loretta explained the problem with surprising clarity.
- (c) Loretta's explanation of the problem was surprisingly clear.

All express the same meaning with nearly the same words, but with some difference of form. Below are ten sentences, each phrased on the model of the first sentence above (sentence (a)). Give the other two phrasings for all of them.

1. (a) Lorna laughed extremely nervously.

(b) →

(c) →

2. (a) The shop assistant answered my wife very rudely.

(b) →

(c) →

3. (a) The policeman did not give his evidence at the trial completely honestly.

(b) →

(c) →

4. (a) My boss replied to me rather ironically.

(b) →

(c) →

5. (a) Uncle Jerry lent the money slightly unwillingly.

(b) →

(c) →

6. (a) The medicine reacted most unpleasantly.

(b) →

(c) →

7. (a) The mechanic repaired my car extremely inefficiently.

(b) →

(c) →

8. (a) I'm afraid you behaved astonishingly stupidly.

(b) →

(c) →

9. (a) Aunt Fanny cut the birthday cake into eight equal pieces very carefully.

(b) →

(c) →

10. (a) Francis acted quite absent-mindedly again.

(b) →

(c) →