



PARAPHRASE, SUMMARIZE, QUOTE
SCIENCE BOOK EXCERPT PRACTICE EXAMPLE

Now that you have taken notes on the dinosaur paragraph, compare your work against this example. It does not need to match exactly.

The dinosaur was very big. It was longer than a trailer truck. It was heavier than ten elephants put together. It was so heavy that every step it took must have sounded like thunder. Because of this, scientists named it Brontosaurus, which means “thunder lizard.” Today this dinosaur has a new name. It is called Apatosaurus.

Cole, Joanna. *Dinosaur Story*. Scholastic, 1989.

Note Card 1 | **Paraphrasing**

Notes:

Size = big, longer than semi
Weight = more than 10 elephants, steps sounded like thunder
Brontosaurus means thunder lizard
New name = Apatosaurus

Paraphrase in research paper:

Apatosaurus was a huge dinosaur, with a length greater than a semi and a weight greater than ten elephants. It may have sounded like thunder when it walked. That is how it got its original name of Brontosaurus, which means thunder lizard.

Note Card 2 | **Summarizing**

The Brontosaurus was so big it may have sounded like thunder when it walked. That is how it got its name which means thunder lizard. Now it is called Apatosaurus.

Note Card 3 | **Quote**

“It was so heavy that every step it took must have sounded like thunder.”