

Paraphrasing Activity One

Abby: *Oh my god, so yesterday I was just sitting at the cafeteria table and RAYMOND came over and sat next to me! He is SO HOT.*

Jessica: *You mean, Raymond Rachel's boyfriend?*

Abby: *Yep, exactly that Raymond! He was totally flirting with me though.*

Jessica: *No way! He was flirting with you?! You gotta be kidding. Rachel sure wouldn't be happy to hear that!*

Abby: *Oh, he was definitely flirting. He asked me a ton of questions about class that day. He was all "I missed class so could you fill me in" but you KNOW that's just an excuse! He was totally trying to get to know me.*

Suppose you're friends with Rachel. If you were relating what you heard, what would your conversation be like? You wouldn't really relate the conversation word for word. Likely you would summarise and synthesise the content of the conversation in your own words - that's paraphrasing!

Activity:

In groups of 2 or 3 paraphrase the conversation between Abby and Jessica.