Translating information sources

Using sources written in other languages may or may not be acceptable. This depends on the focus of your assignment and the requirements of your lecturer.

If you are interested in using information written or recorded in a language other than English, be sure to confirm with your lecturer that they will accept such information. Also confirm what process you should follow to translate the source to English, if required.

Whether using an English or non-English source, you will need to make sure that you do not use only quoted speech in your writing when referring to these sources. Paraphrasing will help you to avoid using too many direct quotes.

Paraphrasing is writing the ideas of published authors or creators in your own words without changing the original meaning.