



**Academic Writing**

**CORRECTION**

Paraphrase the following passage.

'Language is surely as complex a phenomenon as humans have ever wanted to understand, and so far we haven't even come close. We have been retarded in this pursuit by what seems to be a scholarly drive to contract, rather than to expand, the field of vision... As soon as one looks beyond sentences one finds oneself forced to stop dealing with artificial data concocted to suit one's purposes, and to look instead at language in use.' (Chafe 1990 : 21)

**A suggested paraphrase**

According to Chafe (1990), language is unquestionably as a sophisticated phenomenon as its speakers have ever tried to comprehend it. As yet, they have remained very far achieving this purpose. Scholars seem to have been following a desire to a contract rather than to an expansion of their vision of language. When we look at a level beyond the mere strings of words, we will be obliged not to attend to to these sentences as unreal isolated entities to achieve our purposes and to consider language in its real use, instead.