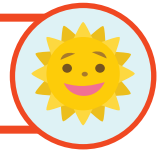




Three Sentence Summary



Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: Read the story. Then, complete the questions below. Remember, a **summary** is a brief statement that tells the main ideas of a text.

It was a warm summer evening, and Georgia was riding her bike with her best friend Jenny. It was beginning to get dark, and Georgia knew her dad would worry if she stayed out much longer. "We should head back," she suggested to Jenny, "we can ride again tomorrow."

"Oh, come on!" said Jenny, "Let's ride a little farther. We're almost to the old pond. I want to see the fireflies!" She giggled and rode off without waiting for Georgia's reply.

"Wait!" shouted Georgia, "You can't go alone!" She jumped back on her bike and quickly sped after Jenny, who was already a speck in the distance.

Georgia pedaled faster, trying to keep up with Jenny. It was so dark now that Georgia could barely see the trail. She thought of her dad at home, who would surely be out looking for her. She frowned, thinking how upset he would be that she wasn't home, but she continued riding. She knew Jenny was a strong bicyclist, but she never paid attention to her surroundings and had a knack for getting lost. Georgia was slower, but always knew the way home.

Suddenly, Georgia gasped. She saw Jenny lying on the trail up ahead. "Jenny, are you okay?" she asked, jumping off her bike and kneeling next to her friend.

"You were right," Jenny sobbed, clutching her knee. "It was too dark on the trail and I didn't see that pothole until it was too late. I cut my knee when I fell, but I think I can still ride home."

Georgia helped Jenny get back on her bike and said, "Let's stick together this time. I know a shortcut."

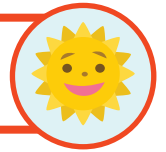
Georgia arrived home and found her dad outside with a flashlight. "Where have you been?" He asked, pointing the light towards her. "I was worried sick!"

She squinted into the bright light and explained that Jenny had gotten hurt. "It won't happen again," she promised, giving her dad a reassuring hug.

"Good," her dad hugged her back, "now let's go eat dinner!"



Three Sentence Summary



Name: _____

Date: _____

Somebody: Who is the main character?

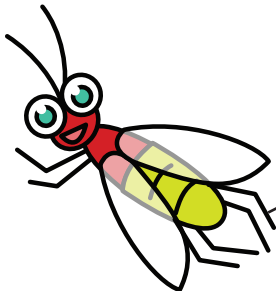
Wanted: What did the main character want?

But: What was the problem?

So: How did the character try to solve the problem?

Then: What was the resolution?

Now, write a three sentence summary using your answers and the **key words** above.

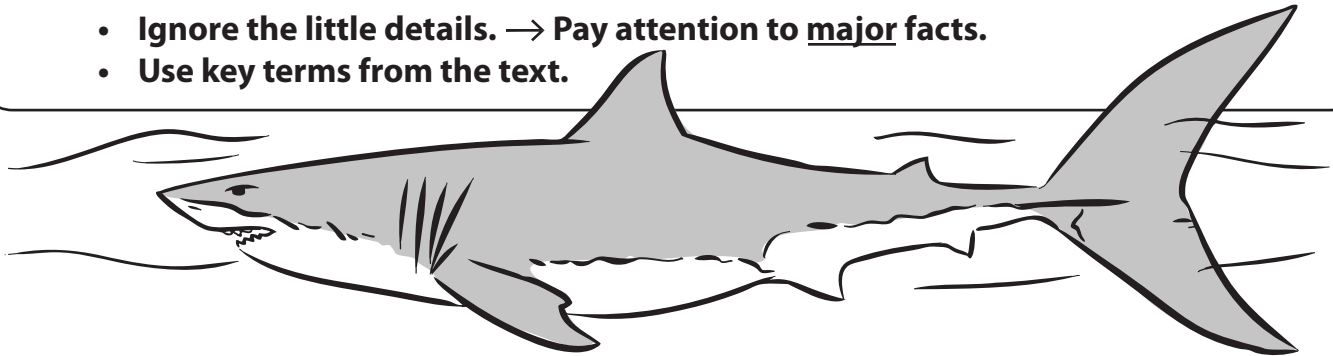


Writing a Nonfiction Summary: Sharks

A summary is a short description of the most important ideas and information in a text. A good nonfiction summary focuses on the important details and facts that help you best understand the text.

Tips:

- **Include the main idea.**
- **Ignore the little details. → Pay attention to major facts.**
- **Use key terms from the text.**



Sharks are known as the fiercest fish in the ocean. Sharks have been around for about 400 million years and are the top ocean predators. At the top of the food chain, sharks are feared by swimmers. However, these fish are also fascinating creatures.

You probably know sharks have very sharp teeth, but did you know they never run out of them? If a shark loses a tooth, another moves forward from within the shark's jaw where it keeps a nearly unlimited supply of replacement teeth. This way, it's almost impossible for a shark to end up without a full set of teeth. This is a phenomenon unique to the shark. No other animal in the world has teeth quite like the shark's. A shark can go through as many as 20,000 teeth in its lifetime!

While sharks have a reputation for being fierce and dangerous, not all sharks are ferocious carnivores. Some of the largest sharks are the most harmless. For example, the basking shark and the whale shark are two of the largest types of sharks, but they eat plankton. These sharks could be considered "gentle giants."

Some sharks are truly dangerous. The great white shark and the tiger shark are just two of the most well-known hunters. On the other hand, humans are also hunters. People kill thousands of sharks a year to make food and products to sell. Who do you think are the most dangerous predators?

Directions: Write a 3-4 sentence summary on the lines below.

Simple Fiction Summary

When we summarize a story, we want to include the main character (**somebody**), what the character wanted (**wanted**), the problem or conflict in the story (**but**), how the character solved the problem (**so**), and the final event or end (**then**). By following this structure, we ensure that only the key parts of the story are included in the summary.

Summary Phrase Bank

In summary

To sum up

To summarize

In conclusion

To conclude

Directions: Use the Somebody-Wanted-But-So-Then framework to write a summary of the following story. Then, choose a phrase from the bank above to complete the paragraph frame summary.

Lola was excited to be in fifth grade this year because it meant she was old enough to go to outdoor science camp. Ever since she heard about the three-night school field trip to a local campground that was an important tradition for Washington Elementary School, she could not wait to go. "Mom, I have the permission slip for you to sign for outdoor science camp! Yippee, I'm finally in fifth grade and I get to go to science camp!" Lola exclaimed when she got home from school. Lola's favorite subject was science and she couldn't wait to be out in nature conducting real experiments. Her mom hugged her as she read the letter. Suddenly, her mom's face changed from pure joy to a sad, concerned expression. "Oh sweetie, it says we have to pay \$150 for the field trip. I'm so sorry but we can't afford that right now. You know things are tight now," her mom said to her. Lola was crushed. She ran to her room, crying. As she lay in bed, she thought to herself, "I am going to find a way to get the money I need to go to outdoor camp! There has to be a way!" Lola couldn't feel mad at her mom because it wasn't her fault that she lost her job a few months before and had been trying hard to get a new one—with no luck. Lola grabbed a notebook and wrote down some ideas for ways to raise the money. By dinnertime, she had a list of five ideas which included selling her clothes, asking her grandpa for money, and hosting a car wash and bake sale event. She showed the list to her mom, hopeful that she would approve one of her ideas. Her mom agreed that she could do a car wash and bake sale to raise the funds needed for the field trip. The following weekend, Lola and her mom worked tirelessly to wash cars and sell baked goods in front of their house. It worked! They raised a total of \$168. The mother-and-daughter team was thrilled! On Monday, Lola proudly turned in her permission slip and money to her teacher.

Summary Paragraph Frame

_____ , _____
(summary phrase from bank)

(somebody)

(wanted)

(but)

(so)

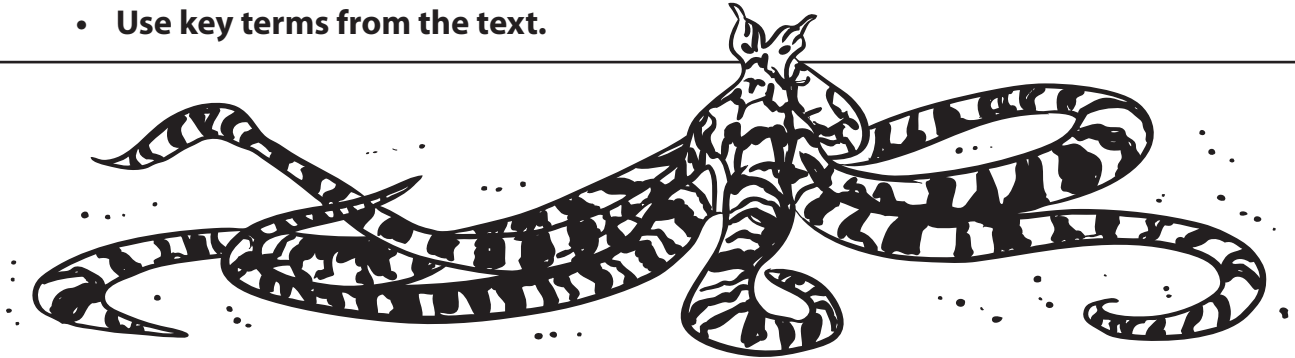
(then)

Writing a Nonfiction Summary: The Mimic Octopus

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Tips:

- **Include the main idea.**
- **Ignore the little details. → Pay attention to major facts.**
- **Use key terms from the text.**



Directions: Read the passage below and pay attention to the main ideas and important details about the topic. Write a 3-4 sentence summary on the lines.

The Mimic Octopus	Summary
<p>The chameleon is a creature that has the ability to change its appearance in the face of danger. Do you know a sea creature that can do the same thing? It's called the mimic octopus.</p> <p>The mimic octopus can change its appearance. It can also change its mannerisms, or the way it behaves. This creature is able to act like a different species. In fact, it can imitate 15 different species. The octopus changes its color and texture to match its surroundings. It is able to change the way it swims. A mimic octopus can look and act like sea snakes, seashells, stingrays, flounder, and jellyfish.</p> <p>An animal changes its skin color and texture to blend in with the environment. Many animals do this for protection. The mimic octopus is unique because it can act like many different animals. This helps it flee from predators. It helps the mimic octopus catch its prey. That's what you call an adaptation!</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



COMPARING TWO NONFICTION TEXTS

Directions: Read the two nonfiction texts below. Then complete the graphic organizer.

Text 1

A hurricane is a dangerous storm. This type of strong storm has high winds. It can bring a large amount of rain. Hurricanes are dangerous because they are very large storms. They cover a wide area as they move.

There are steps to take before a hurricane hits. It is important to watch the news and have a plan. Before a hurricane hits, board up windows. Bring in outside pets and furniture. Create a supply kit with first aid equipment, food, and water. Flashlights and batteries are good supplies to have in a hurricane. The high winds in hurricanes sometimes make the power go out. These are helpful tools when there is no electricity.

During hurricanes, it is important to stay inside. Stay away from windows. If there are warnings to evacuate, or leave your home because of danger, follow the directions.

After the hurricane, stay inside until it is safe to go outside. Check on neighbors to see if anyone is hurt. Stay with the adults in charge who can tell you what is safe. They will tell you how to help.

Hurricanes are dangerous storms because they are large and sometimes slow-moving. There are important steps to take to prepare and to be safe during and after the storm. It is important to be aware and ready.

Text 2



There have been many devastating hurricanes to hit the United States. These hurricanes are famous in a bad way. They have been large disasters.

Hurricane Katrina was a deadly storm in 2005. It hit New Orleans, Louisiana. The storm was stronger than anyone thought it would be. The lakes around New Orleans had too much water, and it flooded homes. The damage was so expensive. Many people lost their homes. Many people lost their lives.

Hurricane Sandy was a large storm that hit in 2012. It hit New Jersey and the New York City area. Many other states were affected by the storm, but the worst damage was in the northeast. Streets and subways flooded. Many businesses and homes were destroyed.

Hurricane Harvey was a destructive hurricane that hit the Houston, Texas, area in 2017. It moved very slowly, so it stayed in one area for a long time. The powerful storm rained over 50 inches. It flooded the city and many small towns. Thousands of people had to be rescued out of their homes.

Many hurricanes do not bring as much damage as these hurricanes did. Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, and Hurricane Harvey are just a few of the most notable ones in the United States.

Part 1	Text 1	Text 2
Topic		
Main Idea		

Part 2 | What information is the same in the two passages?

Paragraph Frame for Summarizing Fiction

A **summary** is a short retelling of the main events in a story.

Sequence words help us understand the order of events.

Sequence words are useful in writing summaries for fictional texts.

Common Sequence Words		
Beginning →	Middle →	End
First In the beginning At first	So Then After that Next	Finally In the end Last

Directions: Read the fictional story. Highlight the beginning of the story with a green highlighter, the middle with a yellow highlighter, and the end with a pink or red highlighter. Then, use the paragraph frame below to write a summary of the story.

A Bike Ride Cut Short

It was Sunday morning, and the sun was shining brightly. "What a perfect day for a bike ride!" Selena said to herself. Selena asked her mother for permission to ride her bike. When her mom said yes, Selena headed happily toward the front door. Selena's big brother, Matthew, sat in the living room playing a video game. "Where are you going?" he asked. When Selena told him, Matthew replied, "That's a boring idea," and went back to playing his game. However, Selena wouldn't let Matthew's criticism stop her from going for a ride. So she headed outside, put her helmet on, and took off riding down the sidewalk. Suddenly, the neighbor's cat, Fishbone, dashed across Selena's path! She swerved to avoid hitting Fishbone and fell right off her bike. Matthew must have heard Selena's bike clatter to the ground, because before Selena knew it, he was there, helping her stand up. "Let's get you home," said Matthew, picking up Selena's bike and wheeling it toward the house. When they got home, Matthew helped Selena clean her wound. Though she scraped her knee and walking hurt a little, Selena found herself smiling. Brothers and sisters may fight sometimes, Selena realized, but deep down, they will always love each other.

Summary

First, _____

_____. Then,

After that, _____

_____. In the end,