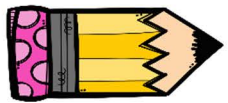


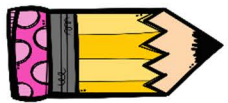


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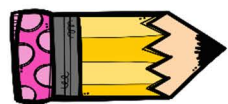
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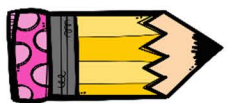
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Paraphrasing Practice
Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

In the ocean you will find over 30 different species of sharks.



Let's Summarize
Choose the best summary for the paragraph.

You need to give your dog a bath often. You also need to brush them. Dogs need to be exercised and played with. They need to eat twice a day and should always have plenty of water to drink.

A. Dogs like to eat.
B. Dogs need many things.
C. Dogs get dirty a lot.

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Paraphrasing Practice
Describe the paragraph in your own words.

The Brooklyn Bridge needed to connect Brooklyn and New York City. It took 14 years to build the Brooklyn Bridge. It was opened in May 1883. At 1,595 feet, it is the tallest suspension bridge in the world.

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PARAPHRASING
Putting the text in your own words.

Example: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
Paraphrase: Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Note-taking
Wow! Notes
• paraphrased (in your own words)
• written in phrases directly related to the topic
• answers the question

Blah! Notes
• written in sentences
• copied word for word
• not related to the topic or question

TAKE A BITE OUT OF PARAPHRASING
Read the paragraph below. Underline or highlight the important words and key phrases. Write these key words and phrases in the table below (just like if you were taking notes). Write one idea per line.

The great white shark is a fierce predator. They can grow up to 20 feet and weigh 5,000 pounds. They can live from 20 to 70 years. They live in temperate waters. They swim near coastlines. They will search for prey on the ocean surface while they swim below. Once they spot their prey they will burst out of the water. Their sense of smell is legendary. They can smell a drop of blood in 25 gallons of water. They are also known to eat fish, stingrays, other sharks, dolphins and seals. They are carnivores and will eat anything that swims. They have very sharp teeth to tear their prey. One meal can keep a great white full for up to two months. Great whites are the most feared animals in the ocean. Some people are afraid of sharks. The sharks mistake people for seals.

Read the passages below. Write a one sentence summary of each passage.

SHORT AND SWEET
Name: _____

Very little rain falls in the desert. Most deserts get less than 10 inches of rain a year. Some of the animals that live in the desert are camels, lizards, snakes and cactuses. Not many plants can grow in the desert out cactus is the most common.

Rose was excited. She was going to visit her grandparents this weekend. They lived by the ocean. She would get to swim in the water. She would be able to make a sandcastle. She would be able to see grandma. She was going to be a great weekend.

Flag day is June 14th. People celebrate by displaying flags at their homes and work. Some towns have parades and programs teaching people about the flag. The flag has changed over the years. The first flag had 13 stars and 13 stripes.

Cozy's dog Buster is nothing but trouble. He chewed up mom's new shoes, stole food from the table and scratched up the floor. If Buster doesn't learn some manners soon, Cozy might have to find a new home.

Important words

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PARAPHRASING

Putting the text into
your own words.

Example: "Do unto others as you
would have them do unto you."

Paraphrase: Treat people how you
want to be treated.



SUMMARIZING

Retell the main idea of the text in your own words.

Example: There are now more grizzly bears in the wild than there were in 1975. Their numbers increased from 140 to 50,000.

Summary: Grizzly bears are not in danger of going extinct.

How to paraphrase

Remember **RAP** – Read, Ask, Put

Read: read the passage carefully

Ask: ask yourself questions. What is the main idea or theme? What are the key details that support the main idea?

Put: put the information in your own words. Think of synonyms for the important words.



How to summarize Fiction text

Somebody-wanted-but-so-then

- Somebody: who is the main character?
- Wanted: what did the main character want?
- But: what problems did the main character face? What was the conflict?
- So: How did the main character solve the problem?
- Then: how did the story end? What did the main character learn?



How to summarize

Nonfiction text

1. Read the text at least 2 times. Pay attention to bold and italicized words. Look up the meaning of any words you do not know.
2. Ask yourself "What is the most important idea in the text? What idea are all the details about?" Then use your own words to write a sentence that tells the main idea.
3. Add only details that explain the main idea.
4. Ask yourself "Would someone else understand the main idea by reading my summary?"
5. Make changes if needed.



Differences

Difference between paraphrasing and summarizing:

- A paraphrase is **longer** than a summary.
- It includes **all** the ideas or events.
- It should include **synonyms** for important words.
- A summary is a **much shorter** version of the text.
- It includes **only** the most important ideas or events.



Note-taking

- Notes do not have to be in complete sentences
- Make sure you can read and understand your notes
- Write notes in your own words
- Write just enough so you know what the notes mean



Note-taking

Wow! Notes

- paraphrased (in your own words)
- written in phrases
- directly related to the topic
- answers the research question

Blah! Notes

- written in complete sentences
- copied word for word
- not related to the topic or research question



Name: _____

SUMMARIZING PRACTICE

Decide on the five most important ideas about the topics below. List them on the lines.
Then choose one topic and using the details, write a summary of the topic.



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



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A time I
got hurt

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SUMMARIZING GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Somebody

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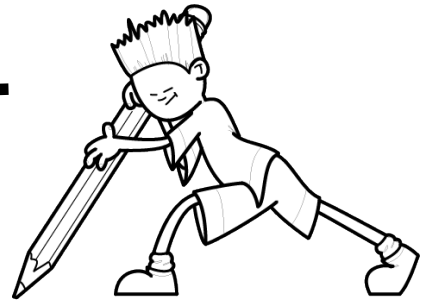
So

Then

Summary:

Name: _____

SHORT AND SWEET



Read the passages below. Write a one sentence summary of each passage.

Very little rain falls in the desert. Most deserts get less than 10 inches of rain a year. Some of the animals that live in the desert are owls, lizards, snakes and coyotes. Not many plants can grow in the desert but cactus is the most common.

Rose was excited. She was going to visit her grandparents this weekend. They lived by the ocean. She would get to swim in the water, look for seashells and make a sandcastle. But best of all, her grandpa always took her out for ice cream. It was going to be a great weekend.

Flag day is June 14th. People celebrate by displaying flags at their homes and work. Some towns have parades and programs teaching people about the flag. The flag has changed over the years. The first flag had 13 stripes and 13 stars.

Cody's dog Buster is nothing but trouble! He chewed up mom's new shoes, stole food from the table and scratched up the floor. If Buster doesn't learn some manners soon, Cody might have to find him a new home.

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WANTED – IMPORTANT DETAILS

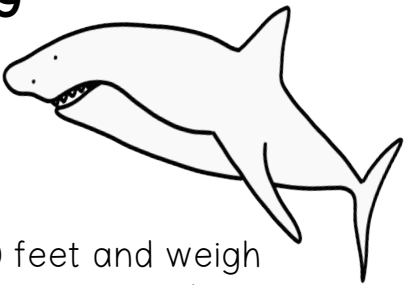
Read the short biography below about Jackie Robinson . Then write an important detail about his life in each of the boxes below.

Jackie Robinson grew up in California. He went to college and played football, baseball, basketball and track. Jackie had to quit college before he graduated to help support his family. Then he went to serve overseas in World War I. When he returned he played baseball in an all-black league. Then in 1947 he moved on to professional baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Many people were unhappy with a black man playing professional baseball. But Jackie ignored them and just played the game. He was such a good player that people began to accept him. He became the first African-American to play in the World Series and won many awards including being elected into the baseball Hall of Fame.



Name: _____

TAKE A BITE OUT OF PARAPHRASING



Read the paragraph below. Underline or highlight the important words and key phrases. Write these key words and phrases in the table below (just like if you were taking notes). Write one idea per line.

The great white shark is a fierce predator. They can grow up to 20 feet and weigh 5,000 pounds. They can live from 50-70 years. They live in temperate waters (not hot or cold) near coastlines. They will search for prey on the ocean surface while they swim below. Once they spot their prey they will put on a burst of speed to capture it. They have also been known to breach (completely jump out of the water). Their sense of smell is legendary. They can smell a drop of blood in 25 gallons of water. They are carnivores and will eat fish, stingrays, other sharks, dolphins and seals. They do not chew their food but instead use their rows of very sharp teeth to tear their food into pieces. One meal can keep a great white full for up to two months. Great whites account for about half of all the shark attacks on people. Some people believe that the sharks mistake people for seals.

Important words	Key phrases

On another sheet of paper, paraphrase the paragraph using ONLY the notes you wrote above.

Name: _____

WHAT'S THE WEATHER?



Read the passages below. Paraphrase each passage (put it in your own words).

Precipitation is any type of moisture that falls from the sky. How does this happen? First the sun heats up the water on earth and turns it into water vapor. This is called evaporation. Then the air cools the water vapor in a process called condensation. The vapor then forms a cloud. After the clouds form precipitation will fall from the sky. This is the water cycle.

A thunderstorm is a rain storm with thunder and lightning. It is caused by unstable air. This is warm air that rises quickly. As the warm air moves up it will begin to cool and form a cumulonimbus cloud. Rain begins to fall from the cloud and the wind picks up. Lightning is a brief flash of electricity. Thunder is a sound wave caused by the lightning.

A tornado is a fast spinning column of air that touches the ground and a cloud. They usually form from a thunderstorm. Wind speeds from a tornado can reach 200-300 m.p.h. Most tornadoes only last a few minutes but they can cause a lot of damage. The funnel-shaped cloud can pick up houses, trees, cars and even people. They are very dangerous and powerful.

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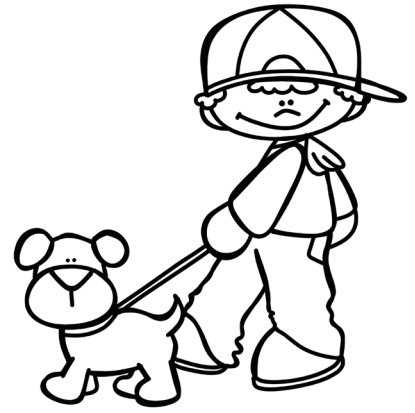
WOW OR BLAH NOTES

Read each note. Color the bone to show whether it is a wow note or a blah note.

Wow notes = written in phrases, paraphrased, relate to the topic

Blah notes = complete sentences, copied, off- topic

Topic: Facts about dogs



FACTS	WOW!	BLAH!
1. The fastest dog is the Greyhound, they can run over 40 m.p.h.		
2. puppies sleep 18-20 hours a day		
3. most popular dog breed – Labrador Retriever		
4. As a general rule, smaller dogs do live longer lives than bigger dogs.		
5. Cats can live 15-18 years.		
6. heaviest dog breed – Mastiff		
7. 28 teeth		
8. The Basenji is a dog breed that does not bark.		
9. sweat feet		
10. dogs have 3 eyelids		
11. Dalmatian puppies are born white, they do not develop spots until about 3 weeks of age.		
12. a guide dog needs about 18 months of training		

Name: _____

NOTE-TAKING

You are doing research about presidents. You found some information and wrote it down on note cards and had them organized into 3 main topics. But your cat jumped on the table and scattered your note cards all over the floor. Now you have to put the facts back in order.

Directions: Read the facts on the note cards. Color the related facts the same color. Then write each fact under the correct heading.

President requirements

The president's salary is \$400,000 a year.

A candidate has to be a citizen of the United States.

The president is the commander in chief of the military.

The president is given an allowance of \$50,000 a year.

The president is given \$100,000 a year for travel costs.

A candidate must be at least 35 years old.

The president makes treaties with other countries.

A candidate must have lived in the country for 14 years.

The president makes sure that laws are enforced.

President responsibilities

President income

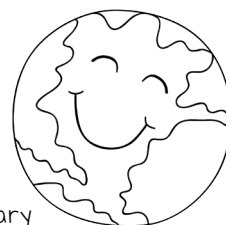
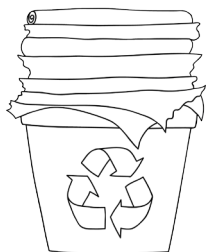
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HISTORY OF EARTH DAY

Read the information below about the history of Earth Day. Take notes on the note card. The first note is done.

Earth Day is April 22. It is a day to remember how important the environment is and why we need to protect it. Many years ago people did not think about this. Water became polluted, the air was dirty and trash was not thrown away properly. Also most people did not recycle. Earth Day was started to remind people how important it is to take care of the planet and to conserve natural resources. More people began to recycle and to reduce their energy use. US Senator Gaylord Nelson was concerned because not many people seemed to care about the environment. Forests were being cut down and chemicals were dumped into rivers and streams. He wanted people to help conserve and protect Earth's resources. Other politicians did not see the importance of this so Nelson organized his own events. The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970 with about 20 million people taking part. There were speeches, marches and rallies. People became educated about why it's important to take care of the earth and ways to do it. As the years have passed countries all over the world celebrate Earth Day.

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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

The armadillo is the only mammal that wears a shell.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

In the ocean you will find that there are over 30 different species of dolphins.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

In 1992 Mae Jemison became the first African American woman to travel to space.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

The Washington Monument is 555 feet tall with walls made of marble.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

A dragonfly has two pairs of wings but only keeps the wings for a short time as an adult.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

Approximately 150 million hot dogs are eaten every year on July 4th.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

To roast pumpkin seeds they need to be put in the oven at about 160 degrees for 15 – 20 minutes.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

Frog eggs feel like jelly because they do not have a hard shell like other eggs.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

Black holes are dark spots in the universe
that began as huge, shining stars.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

Henry Ford made the Model T car in 1908
and sold it for \$850.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

There was an earthquake right before
the start of the 1989 World Series in San
Francisco.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

Lions have fur that is brownish yellow in
color that helps them hide in tall grass.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

A bridge was needed to connect Brooklyn and New York City. It took 14 years to build the Brooklyn Bridge. It opened in May 1883. At 1,595 feet, it was the longest suspension bridge in the world.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

In the Himalayan Mountains you will find Mt. Everest. It is between the countries of Nepal and Tibet. It stands 29,035 feet high and is the tallest mountain on Earth. The brutal climate and high altitude make Everest difficult for humans to climb.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

Amelia Earhart wanted to be the first woman to fly around the world. She took off from Florida on June 1, 1937. The last time anyone heard from her was July 3 1937. To this day no one knows what happened to Amelia Earhart.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

Real-life pirates had a hard life. It was very dangerous and a lot of work. There were harsh punishments for any pirate found lying, stealing or fighting. The captain decided what ships to attack.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

There are 206 bones in a human skeleton. Each foot has 26 bones. The bones are joined together by a joint. Bones are held together at the joints with ligaments (strong tissues). Not all joints move, the ones in the brain and skull for example.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

You can find the Grand Canyon in Arizona. It is 277 miles long. It's width varies from less than a mile wide to 18 miles wide. The depth is about 1 mile. The Colorado River flows through the Canyon.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak built the first Apple computer in 1976. It had a keyboard and color graphics. Each computer sold for \$666.66. In 1984 the Macintosh computer came out. It cost \$2,495 and was controlled with a mouse. Since it was expensive not many people bought one.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

The saber-toothed tiger has been extinct for more than 10,000 years. It really wasn't a tiger at all. Scientists think it was a large cat with spotted fur and a short tail. It was a fierce predator and weighed about 750 pounds. It's long saber-shaped teeth helped it to take down large prey.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

Death Valley is the hottest and driest spot in North America. However many plants, birds and mammals live there. Coyotes, bobcats and lizards can be found there as well as black widow spiders and scorpions.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

Clydesdale horses come from Scotland and are named for the town where they first worked in. They weigh between 1,600-2,400 pounds. They are very tall too. One of their horseshoes is about the size of a dinner plate and can weigh up to 5 pounds.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

The first Ferris Wheel was made in 1893 in Chicago. It cost \$380,000 to build. It was 264 feet high and weighed 1,200 tons. It had 3,000 lightbulbs on it that blinked as the wheel spun around. There were 36 cars that could hold 60 people each.



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Paraphrasing Practice

Rewrite the paragraph in your own words.

In Africa is a water fall that is twice as high and twice as wide as Niagara Falls. It's called Victoria Falls. It is the only place on Earth where it rains 24 hours a day. The rain is mist that is created when the falling water hits the river underneath it. The mist can be seen from miles away.



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Possible answers for paraphrasing task cards 1-12

1. The only mammal with a shell is the armadillo.
2. There are over 30 different kinds of dolphins.
3. The first female African American to travel to space was Mae Jemison in 1992.
4. The walls of the Washington Monument are made of marble and it is 555 feet tall.
5. An adult dragonfly keeps it's two pairs of wings for a short time.
6. Every July 4th about 150 million hot dogs are eaten.
7. Roasted pumpkin seeds need to be in a 160 degree oven for 15-20 minutes.
8. Unlike most eggs with a hard shell, frog eggs are soft and feel like jelly.
9. Dark spots in the universe are black holes that were once big, bright stars.
10. The Model T was made by Henry Ford in 1908 and cost \$850.
11. At the beginning of the 1989 San Francisco World series was an earthquake.
12. Lions can hide in tall grass because of their brownish, yellow fur.

Possible answers for paraphrasing task cards 13-18

13. The Brooklyn Bridge was made in 1883 and took 14 years to build. It was the world's largest suspension bridge and 1,595 feet. It connected Brooklyn and New York City.

14. Mt. Everest is the world's tallest mountain at 29,035 feet. It is in the Himalayan's between Nepal and Tibet. It is hard to climb because of the rough climate and high altitude.

15. Amelia Earhart took off from Florida on June 1, 1937 to try and become the first woman to fly around the world. She was never heard from again after July 3, 1937 and no one knows what happened to her.

16. It was not easy to be a real life pirate. There were tough penalties if you lied, stole or fought. The captain was the one who told the others what ship to attack.

17. A skeleton has 206 bones, 26 in the feet. Joints hold the bones together with ligaments. Joints in the brain and skull do not move.

18. The Grand Canyon is in Arizona. The Colorado River runs through it. It is 277 miles long and 1 mile to 18 miles wide. It is about 1 mile deep.

Possible answers for paraphrasing task cards 19-24

19. The first Apple computer was made by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak in 1976. It had a keyboard and color images and cost \$666.66. In 1984 they came out with the Macintosh computer. A mouse controlled it. It was \$2,495 and did not sell well.

20. Saber-tooth tigers were not really tigers. They were big cats with spots and a short tail. They weighed 750 pounds and their saber-tooth teeth allowed them to easily kill their prey. They have been gone for 10,000 years.

21. The hottest and driest place in North America is Death Valley. Many plants, birds and mammals live there like the coyote, bobcat, lizard, black widow spiders and scorpions.

22. Clydesdale horses weigh between 1,600 – 2,400 pounds. They are from Scotland, named after the town they worked in. A hoof can be bigger than a supper plate and weigh 5 pounds.

23. The first Ferris Wheel had 36 cars. 60 people could ride in each one. It was made in Chicago in 1893 and cost \$380,000. It was very tall and heavy, 264 feet tall and 1,200 tons.

24. Victoria Falls is in Africa. It is twice as big as Niagara Falls. It rains 24 hours a day, the only place on Earth this happens. The rain is actually mist from the falls hitting the river. People miles away can see the mist.

Name: -----

Paraphrasing Recording Sheet

Let's Summarize

Choose the best summary for the paragraph.



You need to give your dog a bath often. You also need to brush them. Dogs need to be exercised and played with. They need to eat twice a day and should always have plenty of water to drink.

- A. Dogs like to eat.
- B. Dogs need many things.
- C. Dogs get dirty a lot.

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Let's Summarize

Choose the best summary for the paragraph.



Most bats eat insects including moths, mosquitoes and beetles. Larger bats also eat fruit, seeds, small birds, lizards and frogs.

- A. Not all bats eat the same thing.
- B. Beetles are small insects.
- C. Bats fly at night.

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Let's Summarize

Choose the best summary for the paragraph.



A wagon train was a group of pioneers that moved west together. The wagons moved in a line, like a slow-moving train. The members of each wagon train would select a leader and follow his directions for the trip.

- A. Pioneers moved west in wagon trains.
- B. Wagon trains were not really trains.
- C. Pioneers had a hard life.

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Let's Summarize

Choose the best summary for the paragraph.



At her party Susan will have hot dogs, hamburgers and fruit salad. She will have chocolate and vanilla cupcakes and 3 kinds of ice cream. She will also have chips and pretzels to snack on.

- A. Susan will have hot dogs at her party.
- B. There will be a lot of food at the party.
- C. Susan likes vanilla cupcakes.

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Let's Summarize

Choose the best summary for the paragraph.



Amphibians have moist skin and reptiles have dry skin. Amphibian eggs do not have shells. Some reptile eggs have shells. Most amphibian babies look different than their parents while reptile babies look exactly like their parents.

- A. A frog is an amphibian.
- B. Reptile eggs are hard.
- C. Reptiles and amphibians are different.

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Let's Summarize

Choose the best summary for the paragraph.



Alex woke up late for school. He didn't have time to eat breakfast. He missed the bus and had to walk to school. He dropped his homework in a puddle. His teacher made him skip recess so he could re-do the work.

- A. Alex has a mean teacher.
- B. Alex doesn't like to eat breakfast.
- C. Alex is having a bad day.

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Let's Summarize

Choose the best summary for the paragraph.



Snow covers plants and wildlife helping to keep them warm until spring. Melting snow goes into rivers and streams. When the weather warms this water will help plants grow.

- A. Plants grow in spring.
- B. Snow is useful.
- C. Snow melts in spring.

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Let's Summarize

Choose the best summary for the paragraph.



Seahorses have a long, curly tail that they use to hold onto plants. They have a long snout that they use to eat. Their eyes are on the sides of their heads. Seahorses can also change colors to match their surroundings.

- A. Seahorses have tails.
- B. Seahorses live in the ocean.
- C. Seahorses are unique animals.

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Let's Summarize

Write a summary of the paragraph using 12 words or less.



The Pilgrims came to America on the Mayflower. The ship was very crowded. The Pilgrims had to take everything with them including clothes, food, animals and tools. Everyone lived in one small space below the deck. There was very little water to bathe with. Many people became sick and died.

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Let's Summarize

Write a summary of the paragraph using 12 words or less.



The arctic tern is a small bird that has the longest migration of any animal on the planet. It will fly over 21,000 miles a year from the Arctic all the way to the Antarctic and back again. They spend most of their lives in the air and see more daylight than any other animal.

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Hailey has her first piano recital tonight and she is so scared her hands won't stop shaking. Her family will be there and some friends from school. She hopes she doesn't make a mistake. She can't wait for this night to be over!

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Squirrels eat hard foods like nuts and seeds. They stock up on seeds and nuts during the late summer and early fall. They store their food in the ground, under leaves, and even in stashes near their nests. This way they do not have to dig through snow to find food.

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Emperor penguins have four layers of feathers to help protect them from the cold. They will also huddle together in groups called colonies to keep warm. As the penguins on the inside warm up they switch places with the outside penguins so they can warm up too.

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Precipitation is moisture that falls from the sky. First the sun heats up the water on earth and turns it into water vapor. This is called evaporation. Then the air cools the water vapor in a process called condensation. The vapor then forms a cloud. After the clouds form precipitation will fall.

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Alice went to a sleepover at her friend Susan's house. Susan wanted to watch a scary movie about zombies. Alice wanted to watch something funny. Since it was Alice's house, Susan watched the zombie movie. That night Susan couldn't fall asleep.

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When Jenny's family got home they saw that their door was open and a window was broken. There was glass all over the floor and their TV was gone. Jenny's dad called the police. Jenny was scared. She went to a neighbor's house while their dad talked to the policeman.

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Answer key for summarizing task cards 1-8

1. B.
2. A.
3. A.
4. B.
5. C.
6. C.
7. B.
8. C.

Possible answers for summarizing task cards 9-16

9. The Pilgrims had a difficult journey on the Mayflower.
10. Arctic terns migrate very far.
11. Hailey is nervous.
12. Squirrels gather food for winter.
13. Emperor penguins have adapted to the cold.
14. The water cycle has 3 steps.
15. The movie scared Susan.
16. Jenny's house was broken into.

Summarizing task cards recording sheet

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