

Summarizing

"Keep What's Essential"

Who? You already know, it's the Flocab crew! What? It's a song about summarizing! Where? Brooklyn! Why? For school! When? Right now!

The reason it's helpful to _____ a text

Is to tell someone the _____, and so you don't forget.

Put only _____ facts in a summary.

That means "important", in case you were wondering.

But don't make your _____ too short,

That leaves us asking questions and wanting more.

Like, let's say you read *The BFG*

Your summary: "It's about a girl named Sophie

And a giant, I liked it a lot."

But you didn't mention anything about the _____!

That summary is missing _____.

You said you liked it, we don't need to know that.

But that's not the only way you can go wrong,

Sometimes summaries are way too long.

Only key events and _____ should be in it.

So, cut out any extra info to win it.

If you read an article on greenhouse gasses,

I don't need to know that the interviewer wore glasses!

When summarizing, five things will get you by:

Who, what, when, where and why!

Like, who is Sophie? What happens in the story?

When does it happen? Today or 1940?

Where does it take place? You got to set the scene!

And why's the book called *The BFG*?

These are called "The _____ ' _____' _____."

And when you summarize, they are something that you should use.

And remember it's, "Just the facts, ma'am!"

So, drop anything else in the trash can.

*A summary is a short _____,
With just the important _____.
When you summarize, make it _____.
Cut out the _____, and keep what's essential.*
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You know what a summary is now.
Want to write one? Well, here's how:
You code while you read, then write it up.
I'll explain all that before our time is up
First up, _____ — what does it mean?
Coding's marking the text while you read
Use symbols to mark important facts.
Like a checkmark to say, "I already knew that!"
Re-read any section that troubles you,
And look for info on the five W's.
As you read the second time, take good notes.
Write down the information that stands out most.
Like who, what, when, where and why.
Now that you've read the text, it's time to summarize!
Organize your notes, and gather your thoughts,
So that you're ready, like a real boss.
Recap what you read in your own words,
Use complete sentences and those key terms.
Once you write the summary, review and revise.
Remove your opinions, and keep it _____.
You can summarize anything you read or watch:
A shark movie or a book about our need for socks.
In many reviews, you'll see summaries a lot,
Sticking to main ideas and the plot.

*A summary is a short explanation,
With just the important information.
When you summarize, make it simple.
Cut out the details, and keep what's essential.*
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