

# How Do We Summarise?

A question hand helps us to summarise the main ideas and themes from the information or story.

**Who** are the main characters of the story?

**What** happened?

**Where** did it take place?

**When** did it take place? How do you know?

**Why** is it important to a reader?



Summarising the main points of a story or article isn't about giving as much detail as possible.

It is about touching on the most important points.



Imagine that you are telling your friends about the last episode of a TV show before the next episode starts.

- It needs to be short and contain all the important key parts to the plot.
- The answers to the questions should only be one or two sentences long. This will be your rough work.
- Once you have these answers they can be written as a paragraphs in rough.
- Check your rough work for punctuation, capital letters, spelling and that sentences make sense.

Now you are ready to write your summary neatly into your book!