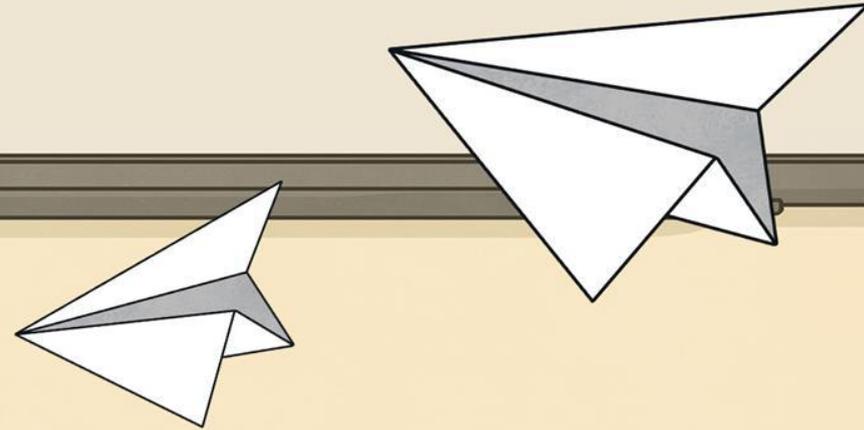


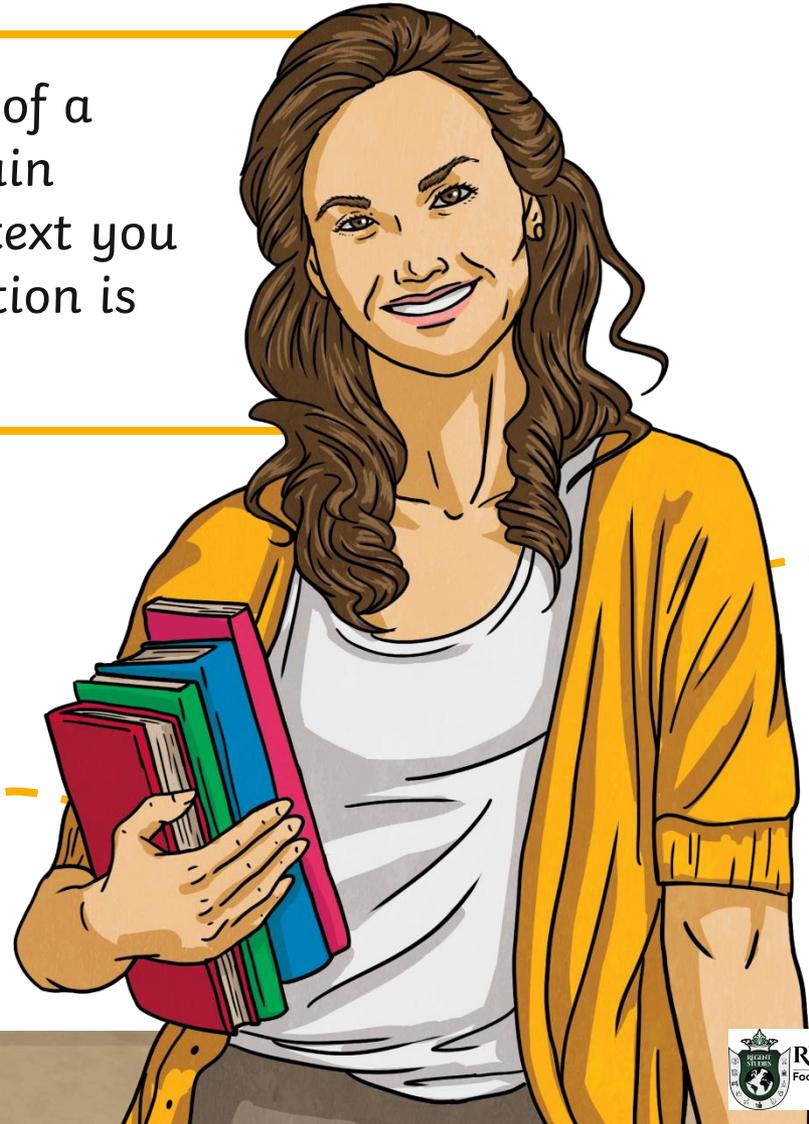
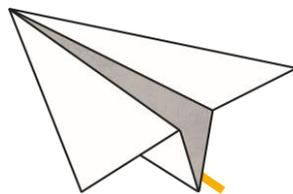
Super Six

Summarising Texts



What is a Summary?

A summary is a short version of a text that includes **only** the main points. When summarising a text you need to decide which information is important and which is not.



What is a Summary?

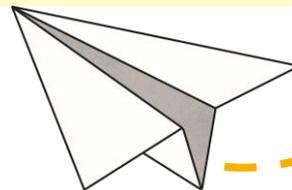
It may help you to think of summaries like this:

If a text had to fit onto a sticky note – what would be included?

If you had 10 seconds to share the information with your friend, what would you include?

If you had a word limit, could you summarise the text in 20 words or fewer?

Can you answer questions starting with each of these question words? **Who What When Where Why How**
They will help you identify the key points being made.

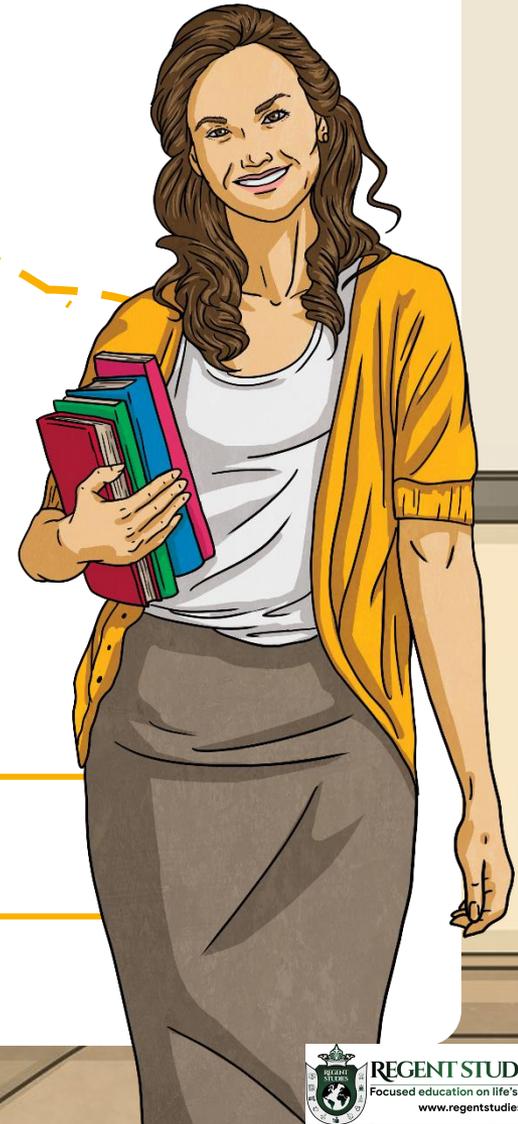
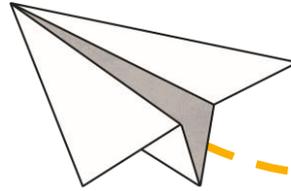


What makes a Good Summary?

A good summary is:

- Short
- Uses your own words
- Includes only the Main points

You can remember this by thinking on **SUM!**



What makes a Good Summary?

Read the text below, identify the main points and then decide which summary is the best.

The dog ran away and didn't look back. I could see my brown paper bag hanging out of the side of her mouth as she went. I can't believe she took it. My lunch was in there, I have nothing to eat now. Worst of all, my bus ticket was in that bag too! How am I going to get home?

The Main Idea

What is this text about?

A) A hungry dog

B) A friendly dog

What makes a Good Summary?

A friendly dog playing games in the park.

Someone had their lunch and bus ticket stolen by a cheeky, hungry dog.

Someone lost their lunch and bus ticket.

A naughty dog that steals things from strangers.

What makes a Good Summary?

Read the text below, identify the main points and then decide which summary is the best.

On Saturday afternoon I went to the beach with my family. We played beach cricket and swam in the ocean. My brother built a sandcastle and I collected some shells to decorate it. Mum bought us all an ice cream from the ice cream truck and then we went back home. It was a great day!

The Main Idea

What is this text about?

A) A family at the beach

B) Things you must do at the beach

What makes a Good Summary?

An ice cream truck came to the beach to sell ice creams to everyone.

A family played cricket, swam, built sandcastles, collected shells and ate ice cream.

A family spent a fun Saturday afternoon at the beach playing together and enjoying ice cream.

A family played cricket and built sandcastles at the beach.

What makes a Good Summary?

Read the text below, identify the main points and then decide which summary is the best.

The echidna is a native Australian animal. They have hair all over their body and sharp spines or spikes covering their back. Echidnas have big, strong claws that they use for digging and a long pointy nose which they use to help get into ant and termite nests. Echidnas almost only eat ants and termites, but also sometimes eat tiny beetles or even worms.

The Main Idea

What is this text about?

A) Echidnas

B) Australian Animals

What makes a Good Summary?

Echidnas eat ants, termites, tiny beetles and worms.

Echidnas are native Australian animals covered in hair and sharp spikes. They mostly eat ants and termites.

Echidnas have strong claws for digging sharp spikes on their body and a long nose.

Echidnas have sharp spines or spikes all over their back.

What makes a Good Summary?

Read the text below, identify the main points and then decide which summary is the best.

Cats are one of the most popular pets in the world. They usually have soft fur, a short snout and a long tail. Cats love to take naps during the day and will often stay awake to play during the night. Cats are meat eaters, they like to eat fish, chicken and any other kind of meat too.

The Main Idea

What is this text about?

A) Cats

B) Pets

What makes a Good Summary?

Cats are the best pets and they are easy to look after.

Cats sleep all day and play all night. They are always covered in lots of fur and they will only eat chicken and fish but nothing else.

Cats eat fish and they like to sleep all day.

Cats are a popular family pet. They are often covered with soft fur and have a long tail. Cats like to nap during the day and they eat meat.

What makes a Good Summary?

Read the text below, identify the main points and then decide which summary is the best.

Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December each year. It is a time to spend with family and friends. Many countries all over the world will celebrate Christmas in different ways. Some with lights and decorations, some with presents and parties.

The Main Idea

What is this text about?

A) Holidays

B) Christmas

What makes a Good Summary?

Christmas is all about the presents and pretty decorations.

Christmas is celebrated during winter for everyone around the world.

Christmas is the best holiday of the year and it should be spent with family and friends.

Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December in many different ways by people all around the world.

