



# ELA Virtual Learning

# 6-8 Essential Literacy

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**Objective/Learning Target:**

**I can summarize the main points of a passage of text.**



# Warm-Up

Read the next chapter in your independent reading book.

In 5 sentences or less, summarize what happened in the chapter.

Remember to use complete sentences and correct punctuation.

## What Is Summary?

- A summary is a **shortened** passage, which retains the **essential information** of the original. It is a fairly brief restatement --- **in your own words** --- of the contents of a passage.
- Note: You simply **report** back what the writer has said, **without** making value judgements.



# Learn

Creating a summary for an informational text is different from creating a summary for a literary text because informational texts do not need to be a story with characters. Therefore, you **might not** be able to follow the steps: Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then.

To summarize an informational text you will need to find the topic, main idea, and supporting details.

To find supporting details look for the answers to these questions:

**Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?**





# Learn

Be sure to include the following in your summary:

**WHO?**  
(subject)

**WHAT?**  
(action)

**WHERE?**  
(location)

**WHEN?**  
(time)

**WHY?**  
(reason)

**HOW?**  
(process)



# Learn

What makes a good summary?

- Include the important ideas from the text
- Put ideas in your own words
- Leave out little details and repeated information

Watch the [video](#) to learn more about what to include in a summary.





# Practice

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On your paper write Who What When Where Why How

Read the passage “What a Croc.” Fill in the who, what, when, where, how, and why.

# WHAT A CROC!

Elvis, the crotchety crocodile didn't like lawn mowers, so he stole one right out of the hands of a worker—while the mower was still running.

The huge 16-foot-long, 1100-pound saltwater croc lives at the Australian Reptile Park in New South Wales, Australia, and has a reputation for being cranky. He doesn't like anyone near him and he doesn't like noise. The 50-year-old reptile made that clear in 2012 when keeper Billy Collett entered Elvis's enclosure and began mowing the grass around the croc's lagoon.

Angry by the disruption, the ill-tempered crocodile charged out of the water and lunged at the mower—never mind that it was still running. He chomped on the front of the machine and engaged in a tug-of-war with Collett. It wasn't much of a contest. Within seconds, Elvis had yanked the machine out of the keeper's hands.

Tim Faulkner, operations manager at the reptile park, heard Collett yell when the crocodile stole his lawn mower. "Elvis got his jaws around the top of the mower and picked it up," Faulkner told the BBC. "Before we knew it, the croc had the mower above his head and then took it underwater with him."



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When Elvis dragged the mower into the lagoon, the machine ran for a few seconds before it drowned. He then rested under the water and watched his submerged catch for more than an hour. “Once he got it, he just sat there and guarded it,” said Faulkner. “It was his prized, his trophy. If it moved, then he would attack it again.”

While the keeper lured Elvis to the other end of the lagoon with kangaroo meat, Faulkner jumped into the water and retrieved the badly chewed-up mower along with two teeth that Elvis had lost during the commission of his crime. “He has extraordinarily large teeth, much bigger than most crocodiles,” Faulkner said. “He punched his teeth through the top casing of the mower.”

The lawn mower had cut its last blade of grass. It couldn't be fixed.

The manager said that Elvis is “a big territorial male” and one of the largest crocodiles in New South Wales. The reptile has always been crabby troublemaker. Before he was captured in the wild, he was attacking fishing boats in Darwin harbor.

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WHERE

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HOW

WHAT



# Practice Answer Key

- **WHO:** Elvis the crocodile
- **WHAT:** Elvis attacked and drowned a lawn mower
- **WHEN:** Billy was mowing the grass, in 2012
- **WHERE DID THE ACTION TAKE PLACE :** Australia Reptile Park
- **HOW:** Elvis chomped through the mower and then drowned the mower underwater, but lost two teeth
- **WHY:** Elvis was disturbed by Billy, the keeper, mowing and he doesn't like lawn mowers.



# Practice

**Now put all the details together to write your summary!**

**Sentence one tells the situation: WHO, WHEN, WHAT**

**Sentence two tells the results: HOW, WHERE, WHY**



# Practice Answer Key

Sentence one tells the situation: **WHO, WHEN, WHAT**  
**In 2012, Elvis the crotchety crocodile attacked and drowned a lawnmower when Billy, the keeper, was mowing.**

Sentence two tells the results: **HOW, WHERE, WHY**  
**Elvis chomped through the mower and lost two teeth, because he doesn't like lawn mowers and it disturbed Elvis in Australia Reptile Park.**



# Additional Practice

Click on the image for some additional [practice](#) with summarizing!

