



Study Island 7.5 Pathways

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Summary

**Summarizing
Hokey Pokey**
(sung to the tune of the Hokey Pokey)

You put the big ideas in.
You take the extras out.
You put the essentials in,
And you cross the repeats out.
You do some summarizing,
And write the paragraph now.
That's what it's all about!
Summarizing!

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Summarization

A **summary** is a shorter way to tell about a passage. It tells the most important details or events of a story or article. It does not tell all of the details of a passage. Look at the passage and its summary below for an example.

Tiny TV

Many Americans wear wristwatches every day. It is important to keep track of the time. Special watches might show the date and time of other cities around the world. Some watches are waterproof and nearly impossible to break. Now, you can watch TV on your watch!

The new TV-watch is about \$200. The screen is only $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. This makes a portable DVD player seem huge. The screen displays the time as well as TV shows. It is a flat panel screen. Earphones are plugged into the watch to carry the sound. The battery lasts for about one hour. At least one show can be watched in that time.

The TV-watch is one of the smallest portable TVs. It is still very large compared to other watches. The reception is also weak. This means you cannot really move around while watching a show. You have to stay in one place to be sure you can watch and hear the show. The color of the screen is amazing, but do not expect to get a good picture if you are riding in a car.

Summary of Passage

A new type of watch will now allow people to watch television from their wrist. The small TV-watch shows the time and a TV show, but the picture is not good because of weak reception.

Practice!

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Which sentence in this passage can be left out when summarizing?

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And the answer is...

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