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Summarizing

1. Summarizing is a retelling in your own words, a short version of the main ideas, events and details.

- a. True
- b. False

2. It was late afternoon when Daisy and Baily were let out of their kennels. They ran outside and searched for their toys. They played frisbee, fetch with a ball and chased squirrels. After about an hour they began to get hungry. They barked and barked until their owner came out to feed them. The food was yummy and they ate it all up. After that, they laid out in the yard in the sunshine. The sun was warm on their fur. What a nice afternoon Daisy and Baily had together.

What is the best summary of this story?

- a. Daisy and Baily played all afternoon. They laid out in the yard. Then they went back to their kennels.
- b. Daisy and Baily are dogs. They like to bark and play. They played in the sun. They got out of their kennels. They had a nice afternoon together.
- c. Daisy and Baily played together. They ate some food. They laid out in the sun. They had a nice afternoon.

3. One morning Ann and Stan woke up. They went to eat breakfast, but no one was up yet. They went to their mom's room and she was still in bed. "Hey, mom. Get up. We are going to be last for school," said Stan. Mom said, "There is no school today. It is a snow day." "No way!" shouted Ann. Ann and Stan ran to the window. It was snowing so hard that they could not even see the neighbor's house. "Yes!" they both shouted together. Then they went back to bed and went back to sleep.

What is the best summary of this passage?

- a. Mom was still in bed. The kids woke her up. They were excited it was a snow day. They got ready for school.
- b. The kids got up. They woke their mom up. They found out it was a snow day. They went back to bed.
- c. The kids went to bed. The kids got up. They woke their mom up. They found out it was a snow day.

4. It was a sunny, hot day. Mom decided to take us swimming. We got all our swimming things packed, got in the car and drive to the pool. When we arrived I saw some of my friends. We played and swam around the pool. The sun was burning hot as it reflected off the water. The water was cool and soothing. I wish I could have stayed there all day.

What is the best summary of this passage?

- a. A mom takes her children to the pool. The pool was fun and cool. The character wanted to stay there all day.
- b. The character wanted to stay there all day. A mom takes her children to the pool. The pool was fun and cool.
- c. A mom takes her children to the pool. The character wanted to stay there all day. The pool was fun and cool.

5. It was beginning to get dark. We were still not home yet. I bet Dad is going to be mad at us, I thought. I yelled at my brother to ride his bike faster, but it was difficult to ride bikes uphill. I was so tired that every muscle in my legs were burning. My brother finally got off his bike and sat down. I stopped and went back to help him. Suddenly, there was a car coming toward us. I could see headlights. It was Dad. He had come to look for us, since we were so late getting home. I knew I was going to get into trouble, but at least we were safe. Dad picked us up and took us home.

What is the BEST summary of this passage?

- a. Two boys got into trouble. They were very late getting home. They could not ride their bikes anymore.
- b. Two boys were late getting home. Dad came looking for them. He took the boys home.
- c. He took the boys home. Dad came looking for them. Two boys were late getting home.