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Writing a Summary Paragraph

Instructions: Choose the BEST answer for each question.

1. What is the main purpose of a summary?
 - a. To give personal opinions
 - b. To restate the main ideas briefly
 - c. To copy the original text
2. A summary should be _____ than the original text.
 - a. longer
 - b. the same length
 - c. shorter
3. Which sentence should NOT be in a summary?
 - a. A main idea
 - b. A key point
 - c. A personal opinion
4. What should you do FIRST before writing a summary?
 - a. Write your opinion
 - b. Read the text carefully
 - c. Change all the words
5. Which is the BEST way to avoid copying the text?
 - a. Use synonyms
 - b. Skip important ideas
 - c. Add new details
6. Which word is a synonym for believe?
 - a. think
 - b. shout
 - c. show
7. Which word can replace developed?
 - a. disappeared
 - b. grew
 - c. forgot
8. Which sentence uses synonyms correctly?
 - a. Feathers were cool and nice.
 - b. Experts think feathers first helped animals stay warm.
 - c. I like feathers very much.
9. What should a good summary include?
 - a. Examples and jokes
 - b. Every detail

c. Only key ideas

10. Which word best replaces prevent?

- a. allow
- b. stop
- c. create

11. Which sentence is TOO detailed for a summary?

- a. Feathers helped animals keep warm.
- b. Feathers developed over time.
- c. Feathers were red, blue, and green.

12. When paraphrasing, you should _____.

- a. change words but keep the meaning
- b. change the meaning
- c. copy the sentence

13. Which phrase means a way to keep warm?

- a. decoration
- b. insulation
- c. danger

14. Which sentence is BEST for a summary?

- a. I think feathers are amazing.
- b. Feathers had many uses over time.
- c. My favorite animal has feathers.

15. Which word should NOT be changed when summarizing?

- a. small details
- b. main ideas
- c. examples

16. What happens if you add new information to a summary?

- a. It becomes clearer
- b. It is no longer a summary
- c. It becomes more interesting

17. Which sentence shows good paraphrasing?

- a. Feathers first developed as a way to keep warm.
- b. Experts believe feathers began to help animals stay warm.
- c. Feathers, feathers, feathers kept warm.

18. Which word is a synonym for later?

- a. before
- b. after
- c. early

19. A summary should be written in _____.

- a. the teacher's words
- b. your own words
- c. the book's words

20. Which sentence should be avoided in a summary?
- a. Feathers helped animals fly.
 - b. Over time, feathers changed.
 - c. In my opinion, feathers are beautiful.
21. What does key idea mean?
- a. the most important point
 - b. an example
 - c. a detail
22. Which word can replace speculate?
- a. believe
 - b. draw
 - c. explain
23. Why is using synonyms helpful in a summary?
- a. It makes the summary longer
 - b. It avoids repetition and copying
 - c. It changes the topic
24. What should you check AFTER writing a summary?
- a. If you added opinions
 - b. If you included all details
 - c. If the meaning stayed the same

Reading Text

Paleontologists believe that feathers first developed to help dinosaurs stay warm. Over time, feathers changed and were later used for display and attracting mates. Eventually, feathers helped some animals glide and fly.

Writing Task

Write a summary about the text above.

- Use your own words
- Include only the main ideas
- Do not add opinions or new information
- Use at least one synonym

Answer Key (Teacher Copy)

1. b 2. c 3. c 4. b 5. a
6. a 7. b 8. b 9. c 10. b
11. c 12. a 13. b 14. b
15. b 16. b 17. b 18. b 19. b
20. c 21. a 22. a 23. b 24. c

Model Summary

Experts believe feathers first developed to keep dinosaurs warm. Over time, feathers changed and were also used to show off and attract the opposite sex. Later, feathers helped some animals glide and eventually fly.