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READING COMPREHENSION
SUMMARIZING and PARAPHRASING QUIZ
GRADE 5
10 MARKS

TIP:

Summarizing is putting important information gathered from other sources in your own words. Only the main points are needed when summarizing. It is shorter than the actual passage and your opinion is not included in the summary.

Paraphrasing is restating the ideas of someone else in your own words. The information is not rewritten word for word. Paraphrasing is similar to summarizing, only the main (most important) points are restated.



INSTRUCTIONS: Read the passages at least twice. Answer ALL questions

PASSAGE 1

8 Allen Rise
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG27PY
10th July



Dear Michael,

I've always wanted a pen pal in The Bahamas, so I'm really pleased to be writing to you. There are four of us in my family - my mother and father, my brother Tom who is 2, and me, of course. I'm 9 years old. I have a cocker spaniel called Rex.

My mother stays at home and looks after us. My father works in a pharmaceutical factory, which makes different sorts of pills and toiletries.

We live just outside the city of Nottingham. It's a large and important city in the heart of England - we call that the Midlands. About 300000 people live in Nottingham. Our house is semi-detached - I'm sending you a picture of it.

I imagine that The Bahamas is always hot and sunny. It's often sunny here too, but on some days it can be cold, damp and foggy. Our house is heated in the winter to keep us warm.

Nottingham is famous for many things, like its lace, and bicycles. It has one of the largest bicycle factories in the world. Nearly there are coal mines and in the city there are textile factories. Robin Hood's 'Sherwood Forest' is not far away, and a big leisure park called Center Parcs. Dad took us there once to swim and enjoy ourselves - a lot of the area is covered over against bad weather.

Please write to me soon and tell me about yourself and Spanish Wells.

Your pen pal,
Ashley

1. Who is the author of the letter?

2. Which statement best summarizes the 5th paragraph?

- a. Nottingham had a large bicycle factory.
- b. Nottingham was once a famous city for many things.
- c. Sherwood Forest is close to Nottingham.
- d. Nottingham is a city.

3. According to the letter what type of company makes pills and toiletries?

4. “Our house is semi-detached” What type of home does the author live in?

5. Why is it that during the winter it is dark by 4:00 pm?



PASSAGE 2

THE BEAT GOES ON



What happens if you give a baby a spoon and a pot to pound on? You have a drum. Drums are among the earliest tools used by people. Drums have probably been around for at least 8,000 years.

Drums come in all sizes and shapes. Some are beautiful instruments that take years to make. Others are hollow logs or garbage can lid. Ringo was the drummer of the music group the Beatles. He first beat on biscuit tins with sticks of wood!

Different types of drums make different sounds. A steel drum sounds unlike a drum made of wood, leather, or clay. A drum shaped like a barrel sounds different from a drum shaped like a box.

How a drum is played also has to do with how it sounds. “Talking” drums are played to sound like voices. Some drums are struck with padded sticks or thin wooden sticks. Others are struck with the drummer’s hands.

With drums and drumming, the beat goes on.

6. Write **T** for true or **F** for false. According to the article a hollow log takes less time to turn into a drum. _____
7. Why is a “talking” drum played to sound like it is speaking?
8. What is meant by “**The beat goes on**”?
9. “**A drum shaped like a barrel sounds different from a drum shaped like a box.**” Choose the correct **paraphrasing** for this statement.
10. Why do you think Ringo probably used biscuit tins as his first drums?



Check over your work before clicking the FINISH button!

