

## Unit 2: Exercise 10

Think about some of the skills you need when you approach the IELTS Reading test.

Complete the summary of what you have learnt in this unit.

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argument

comments

main idea

negative

personal opinion

supporting points

surprising

- 1 Each paragraph in a Reading passage contains a . This is often, but not always, introduced in the first sentence of the paragraph.
- 2 A paragraph contains many sentences. Some of these sentences will be  related to the main idea. These might contain background information or information which contrasts with the main idea.
- 3 Writers usually present facts if they are describing or explaining something. However, a writer will sometimes give his or her  on those facts.
- 4 Writers may do this by adding an extra word which  on a fact. For example, the word 'remarkably' shows that the writer finds the fact . The word 'unfortunately' shows that the writer thinks something is .
- 5 A writer may use a paragraph to present an  (an opinion that the writer would like to give reasons for). Sometimes, a writer may present background information, only to contrast it later in the paragraph with what he or she really wants to say.