

Vocabulary for Summary



Term	Definition/Explanation	Example
Thesis	The central idea in a piece of writing; a proposition maintained by argument	
Main Idea	Important information that tells the overall idea of a text	
Title	An identifying name given to a book, play or other work	
Author	A person who writes a book or text	
Facts	Something known to exist or to have happened	



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Details	Individual parts or items	
Paraphrase	A restatement of a text or passage, giving meaning in another form; to re-word	
Neutral	Not taking a position or sides	
Active Voice	The subject of the verb is performing the action (i.e., The boy threw the ball.)	
Third Person	Using nouns, pronouns, and verbs to refer to things or people (i.e., he, she, it, they)	
Conclusion	The end or final part	
Concise	Expressing or summarizing much in few words.	



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Expository	Non-fiction style of writing.	
Logical order	A reasonable or sensible order in which to explain something.	
Narrative	A book or literary work containing a story.	
Sequence	Following one thing after another.	
Summarize	To tell in a concise form.	
Transitions	Words that connect one part of a sentence or paragraph to another.	