

Dream World School, Ballari, Karnataka

'The School that Learns'

English Summary Writing

Introduction

Summarizing involves shortening of a text into a brief one. A summary usually is written in two ways: descriptive and evaluative.

- **Descriptive:** A writer uses a descriptive summary when he or she wants to gain and express an understanding of what the author said in the original text.
- **Evaluative:** A writer will choose this summary type when he or she wants to examine the original text for usefulness, validity, strength of argument, or other important elements.

A summary or précis should be clear, brief and express only the main points of the text.

Meaning

A précis is the gist or main theme of a text expressed in as few words as possible. It should be lucid, succinct (to the point) and include all essential points.

Guidelines for 'Summarising a Novel'

1. First carefully read the chapter(s)/section(s) and comprehend clearly its main theme or general meaning.
2. Make sure of the meaning of each sentence, phrase and word.
3. Select and note down the important points essential to the expression of the main theme.
4. Write one or two sentences summary of each section/chapter.
5. Write out the first draft and express the gist of the section/chapter in your own words. **(Do not use the actual words from the passage.)**
6. Ensure, it is written without missing any key aspects.
7. Write a paragraph (or more): begin with the overall summary sentence and follow it with the section summary sentences.
8. Revise the draft and compare it carefully with the original to see that you have included all the important points.
9. Rewrite and rearrange your paragraph(s) as needed to make your writing clear and concise, to eliminate relatively minor or repetitious points, and to provide transitions.
10. Make sure your summary includes all the major supporting points of each idea. The final version should be a unified, complete, and coherent whole.

Sample Summary of the Novel

Title: Good Morning, Gorillas

Author: Mary Pope Osborne

Publisher: Random House, New York Publications

Characters: Annie, Jack, Gorillas, Leopard

Main Points

1. Morgan Le Fay was the librarian of the Magic Tree house who was working for the king of Camelot – Arthur.
2. Jack and Annie were assigned to collect the magic from the land of Gorillas in African Rain Forest.
3. They met some amazing, but frightening, gorillas, black leopards, elephants, and wild hogs in the forest.
4. Jack and Annie joined gorillas and started staying, eating and playing with them to know their behaviour, this made Jack note the observations of their new friends.
5. Jack gained respect from the silverback when he protected the troop from a predator.
6. Jack read the information from the research book that the gorillas are smart, a captive gorilla named Koko learnt sign language.
7. Annie started communicating with them in a sign language as she had already learnt in her school.
8. There were two very playful gorillas named Bu-bu and Ho-ho.
9. The two gorilla friends offered Jack a twig and water in a cup shaped leaf and showed it as a token of love in their sign language.
10. Jack and Annie discovered the friendly behaviour and sign language of gorillas in their trip.
11. It was an emotional time at their departure.
12. They brought things from the rain forest as a proof that they have found the special magic.
13. This story inspires and builds confidence to face any challenge bravely.
14. Osborne says. "We have to figure out through much of our lives."

Summary in Paragraph

Good Morning, Gorillas

Introduction

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Body

In the beginning, Jack and Annie get swept to a mountain in Africa to look for a special magic with the help of Pennsylvania book. There, they met some amazing, but frightening, gorillas, black leopards, elephants, and wild hogs. Jack and Annie joined gorillas and started staying, eating and playing with them to know their behaviour this made Jack, note the observations of their new friends.

Once when leopard came to attack baby gorilla then Jack acted like a silverback gorilla to save the baby gorilla. Jack gained respect from the Silverback when he protected the troop from a predator. Jack read the information from the research book that the gorillas are smart, a captive gorilla named Koko learnt the sign language. Then Annie started communicating with them in a sign language because she already learnt it in her school.

There were two very playful gorillas named Bu-bu and Ho-ho. Jack feels happy when Bu-bu and Ho-ho grabbed his head and played with him. Now, it was time for Jack and Annie to return back to Frog Creek Woods. The two gorilla friends offered Jack a twig and water in a cup shaped leaf as a token of love in a form of a sign in their language. While with the gorillas, Jack and Annie discovered what Morgan wanted them to gain from their trip.

It was an emotional time at their departure. When they reached Frog Creek Forest they placed the things they got from the rain forest as a proof that they have found the special magic.

Conclusion

This book taught us to have compassion for all creatures. It encouraged to face the difficulties like Jack and Annie. The story inspired me and boosted my confidence to face any challenge bravely. Osborne says. "We have to figure out through much of our lives."

Note: Students who wish to condense the summary further can do so.

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