

Lesson 14**Book Synopsis**

Write about one or more of the following ideas.

1. Let's work it out.

Have you ever read a book about a parent and child who didn't see eye to eye about something? What was the problem? Was there a solution? Write a synopsis of the book.

2. Favorite fiction

What's your favorite book of fiction? Maybe it's a funny story, or a dramatic tale. Write a synopsis of the book. Remember to summarize the main points and include a conclusion.

3. Nonfiction nuggets

Nonfiction covers everything from how to fix a car to how the U.S. won its independence from Great Britain. Choose a book of nonfiction that interests you. Write a synopsis of the book.

4. Make up your own!

Review any book that you've read. Write a synopsis of the book. Don't forget to include the main idea of the book, a summary of the book, and a conclusion.

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Lesson 14**Summarizing**

Read the paragraph below. Circle the letter of the answer that gives the better summary.

1. Earth turns on its axis as it moves through space. This turning causes day and night. It takes about 24 hours for Earth to spin on its axis. The part of Earth facing the sun gets light. The part of Earth facing away from the sun is dark.
 - a. This paragraph explains why every place on Earth has both day and night.
 - b. The Earth turns on its axis one full time in a 24-hour period. Different places on Earth face the sun at different times, so they have night and day at different times.

- **Summarizing** means telling the most important information about a text in your own words.
- A **summary of nonfiction** states the main idea of a text and includes only the most important details.

Summarize each paragraph below. Make sure to use your own words.

2. Before 1920, women in the United States were not permitted to vote. If they tried to vote, they were put in jail. Many women thought this was not fair. They protested this law until it was changed.

This paragraph tells about _____

3. One way to avoid getting sick is to wash your hands often. Germs spread through contact with doorknobs or other objects that people touch. Soap and water help to stop germs from spreading.

This paragraph explains _____

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