

What is Summary Completion?

Worksheet

Summary completion requires you to fill gaps in a summary paragraph using exact words from the passage. Words must be used in their original form and the summary must make sense.

Questions

1. Passage: 'The technology revolutionized communication.' Summary: 'Technology ___ the way people communicate.' What word fits best?
A) changed
B) revolutionized
C) improved
D) affected
2. In summary completion, can you paraphrase words from the passage?
A) Yes, if the meaning is the same
B) Yes, but only synonyms
C) No, use exact words from the passage
D) Only if there are few options
3. What skill does summary completion primarily test?
A) Vocabulary size
B) Understanding main ideas
C) Writing ability
D) Grammar knowledge
4. Passage has: 'gradually increasing.' Summary: 'The rate was ___.' Which word works?
A) increasing
B) gradual
C) gradually
D) slowly
5. Passage: 'Climate change is causing rising sea levels due to melting ice caps.' Summary: 'Climate change leads to ___ sea levels.' What word fills the blank?
6. Passage: 'Photosynthesis is the process by which plants convert sunlight into chemical energy.' Summary: 'Plants use ___ to create energy.' What word completes it?
7. Passage: 'The ancient library housed thousands of scrolls and manuscripts.' Summary: 'The library contained ___ documents.' What word works?
8. Define: Can you use your own words in summary completion?
9. Define: Can you use the same word twice in one summary?
10. Define: What if the word in the passage is capitalized?

Answer Key

1. B) revolutionized — The exact word from the passage is 'revolutionized.' You must use the original word, not a synonym.
2. C) No, use exact words from the passage — Summary completion requires exact words. Paraphrasing is not allowed.
3. B) Understanding main ideas — It tests your ability to identify key information and match ideas between passage and summary.
4. C) gradually — 'Gradually' fits grammatically and is the exact word from the passage.
5. Identify the key concept in the passage: 'rising sea levels' Find the exact word that fits: 'rising' Write: rising
6. Look for the process/method in the passage: 'convert sunlight' Identify the word that describes this: 'photosynthesis' Write: photosynthesis
7. Find the descriptor in the passage: 'thousands' Check if it fits the blank: Yes Write: thousands
8. No. You must use exact words from the original passage.
9. Depends on the marking scheme, but typically each blank requires a different word from the passage.
10. You must use the correct form. If the passage has a proper noun, use it; if lowercase, use lowercase.

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