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## Summertime Swimming

by Alicia Skelton

Charlotte and her friend Leah love to go swimming at their neighborhood park pool. It was their favorite thing to do in the summertime. They brought their goggles and flippers and loved to pretend that they were mermaids swimming around the ocean. Sometimes, Charlotte's older brother would also come and pretend to be a shark chasing after the two mermaids.

There was only one more week of summer, so Charlotte wanted to spend every single day at the pool with Leah. On Monday, Charlotte woke up really early and heard raindrops against her bedroom window. Charlotte groaned because she and Leah would have to find something else to do today. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday it was the same thing. The rain would not stop. They would have to wait to go swimming another day.

On Friday, the sun finally started to peek out from behind the clouds. There was sunlight for about 20 minutes. Then the rain started again. Charlotte's mom could tell that the girls were pretty upset. Charlotte's mom decided to surprise the girls. She told them to grab their swimsuits, flippers, and goggles and meet her in the car. Confused, Charlotte and Leah did what she asked and jumped into the car. Charlotte's mom drove to a parking lot next to a huge building. Outside the building there was a sign that read, "Indoor Swimming Pool Now Open". Charlotte and Leah cheered. They would get to swim after all!

1. Which is the **best** summary of this story?

- Charlotte and Leah like swimming at their neighborhood pool during the summertime.
- ☐ **A.** Charlotte's older brother likes to swim at the pool also. Everyone is really upset that it keeps raining during the last week of summer.
- Charlotte and Leah love to swim with Charlotte's older brother. The girls like pretending
- ☐ **B.** to be mermaids swimming around the ocean. Charlotte and Leah are really upset the last week of summer because it keeps raining.
- Charlotte and Leah love to go swimming in the summer. During the last week of summer,
- ☐ **C.** they cannot swim because it keeps raining. The girls are happy when Charlotte's mom takes them swimming at an indoor pool.
- Charlotte and Leah are sad because it rains the last week of summer. They have to find
- ☐ **D.** other things to do besides swimming. Charlotte's mom can tell that the girls are really sad because they cannot go swimming.

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(1) Cathy was sleepy. She had stayed up too late watching television, and then she had to get up early to pick up her friend for school. She could barely keep her eyes open during computer class. At one point, she even dozed off in the middle of playing the Splat game! It was her favorite game, but even the cars buzzing off of the computer screen couldn't keep her eyes open. Poor Cathy! She didn't want to get in trouble for sleeping in class.

(2) Cathy remembered a comic book she once read. A boy in the comic pasted pictures of eyeballs over his eyelids. That way, he could sleep, but it looked like his eyes were open! She decided to try it. She drew some eyes on a scrap of paper and taped them to her eyelids, then she fell asleep. It worked for a few minutes, but then Mr. Chalmers caught her. He said, "Nice try, Cathy! Wake up!"

2. Which line **best** shows an idea that is important to include in a summary of this story?

☐ **A.** . . . she had to get up early to pick up her friend . . .

☐ **B.** It was her favorite game . . .

☐ **C.** Poor Cathy!

☐ **D.** . . . but then Mr. Chalmers caught her.

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### **The Checkers Champion** by Alicia Skelton

Every Saturday night, the Connor family played checkers. Baily and Bradly always wanted to be the checkers champion. This was the first week that Baily and Bradly's little sister Campbell was going to play checkers. Campbell had watched many checkers games, but she was finally old enough to play.

When Saturday night came, the checkers came out of the closet. Mom and Campbell were going to play the first game. Campbell was so excited to get her chance to play. She won the game against her mom and was ready for her next challenger. The next game was played between Dad and Bradly. Bradly won and was ready to play Campbell. The two sat down to play, and Bradly was really impressed with how good his younger sister was at checkers. Campbell won again. She only had one game left to win and she would be the checkers champion for the week.

Campbell was feeling a little nervous instead of excited. She was having so much fun just playing, but now she had a chance at being the champion. She ate some

popcorn and sat down to play her big sister Baily. Baily had been the champion for the past three weeks. Campbell made her moves very carefully and at the end of the night there was a new checkers champion. Campbell had won!

3. Which is the **best** summary of the third paragraph?

- ☒ A. Campbell is really excited about playing her sister Baily in checkers and wants to beat her. She eats a bunch of popcorn before playing.
  - ☒ B. Campbell becomes really tired of playing checkers. Campbell has to beat her sister Baily to become the new checkers champion.
  - ☒ C. Campbell begins to feel nervous. She is having a lot of fun. Campbell beats her sister Baily and becomes the new checkers champion.
  - ☒ D. Campbell is having so much fun playing checkers. She does not want the checkers game to end. She eats a bunch of popcorn.
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4. Which is the **best** summary of the first paragraph?

- ☒ A. Cathy was sleepy because she stayed up too late. She couldn't keep her eyes open during class.
  - ☒ B. Cathy dozed off in the middle of playing the splat game. She fell asleep in computer class.
  - ☒ C. Cathy was so sleepy that the cars buzzing off of the computer screen couldn't keep her eyes open.
  - ☒ D. Cathy did not want to get in trouble for sleeping in class, so she decided she would take a nap.
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### Thanksgiving Vacation

by Alicia Skelton

It was the last day of school before Thanksgiving vacation. Terence was excited for

Thanksgiving and a break from school and homework. He ran home with an empty backpack and thought about all the fun things he and his best friend Jake were going to do on their week off from school. When Terence got home, he grabbed his basketball and headed for Jake's house.

Terence got to Jake's house and rang the doorbell. Jake answered the door with a gloomy look on his face. He told Terence that he had to go out of town for the entire week with his family. Jake could not even play this afternoon because he had to pack and help his dad load up the car. Terence took his ball and slowly walked back to his house. This Thanksgiving vacation was not off to a very good start.

When Terence got to his front door, he noticed a big moving truck unloading boxes at the house next door. There was a boy about his age playing basketball in the driveway. Terence looked down at his basketball in his hands. Terence started to cheer up as he ran over to his new next door neighbor. Maybe this would be an alright Thanksgiving break after all.

Which is the **best** summary of this passage?

- ☐ **A.** Terence cannot wait to play with Jake for the entire week of Thanksgiving break. Jake cannot play because he has to pack for his vacation and to help his dad load the car. Terence is sad because his break is not off to a very good start.
- ☐ **B.** Terence is excited about Thanksgiving break because he is going to play with his best friend Jake. Terence becomes sad when he finds out that Jake is going out of town. Then Terence sees his new neighbor playing basketball and he cheers up.
- ☐ **C.** Terence is excited about Thanksgiving. He keeps thinking about all of the fun things that he is going to do with his best friend Jake. Terence becomes really disappointed when his friend Jake tells him that he has to go out of town for the week.
- ☐ **D.** Terence is so happy because he is going to get a vacation from school and from homework. Terence is also excited to play basketball with his best friend Jake. Then Terence sees that he has a new next door neighbor that also plays basketball.

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Shagit was the best tennis player at Higginbotham Elementary School. He moved so fast and hit so hard that even some of the high school kids took notice on the courts. His racket was a little smaller than the high school players', but he still managed to hit the ball as hard as any of them. The high school coach, Coach Ulsh, heard about Shagit. Was it possible that an elementary school student could play as well as the tennis players on his high school team? He decided to find out.

Coach Ulsh set up a game between Shagit and the captain of the high school tennis team. Shagit was so nervous! He got even more nervous when all of Higginbotham Elementary turned out to watch the game. He ran faster and hit harder than he ever thought he could. Shagit was amazing! He won! An elementary school student beat the high school tennis captain! His school friends felt so happy. They cheered a rhyme: "Shagit can't be beat! Shagit can't be beat!"

6. Which is the **best** summary of this passage?

☒ A. Shagit, an elementary school student, was a great tennis player. He was so good that a coach had him play the high school tennis captain. Shagit was nervous, but he played well and won.

☒ B. Coach Ulsh set up a game between Shagit and the captain of the high school tennis team. All of the students at Higginbotham Elementary School went to the game to cheer for Shagit.

☒ C. Shagit was the best tennis player at Higginbotham Elementary School. He decided to play the captain of the high school team. His friends cheered, "Shagit can't be beat! Shagit can't be beat!"

☒ D. Shagit was the fastest kid at Higginbotham Elementary School. He used a small racquet, but he was able to play against the high school students. He was so good that he won his games.

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7. Which line **best** shows an idea that is important to include in a summary of this story?

☒ A. His racquet was a little smaller than the high school players' . . .

☒ B. . . he still managed to hit the ball as hard as any of them.

☒ C. An elementary school student beat the high school tennis captain!

☒ D. They cheered a rhyme: "Shagit can't be beat! Shagit can't be beat!"



**Nitya's Kitten**  
by Alicia Skelton

Nitya finally got permission from her parents to get her very own kitten. She went with her mom to the animal shelter and picked out a gray kitten. Nitya could not wait to get her new kitten home. She had already gone to the store to get all the supplies she needed. Nitya put a hot pink collar on her new kitten. Nitya decided to name her Sparkle because her eyes always sparkled.

Nitya loved Sparkle so much. She was not looking forward to today because she had to take Sparkle to the vet for her very first examination. Nitya knew that Sparkle would have to get shots, and Nitya did not want Sparkle to get hurt. When it was time to go,

Nitya could feel tears start to run down her cheeks. Nitya's mom wiped her tears away and promised her that everything would be all right.

When they got to the vet, Nitya was still nervous, but Sparkle was as cheerful as ever. Sparkle loved Dr. Bellows, the vet. Sparkle rubbed her head on Dr. Bellows' arm and rolled on to her back so Dr. Bellows could rub her belly. Nitya laughed as she watched Sparkle and became more relaxed. Sparkle did have to get a couple of shots, but she was so brave. Nitya was so proud of Sparkle. The doctor said Sparkle was in perfect health. Nitya smiled at her mom when it was all over.

8. Which is the **best** summary of this story?

- ☒ A. Nitya gets her own kitten and is nervous about taking it to the vet. Nitya feels better when she sees that the kitten is happy at the vet. Nitya is proud at how brave the kitten is.
  - ☒ B. Nitya is finally able to get her own kitten. She gets all of the supplies that she needs to take care of the kitten. Nitya is scared about taking the kitten to the vet for her shots.
  - ☒ C. Nitya is very nervous about taking her new kitten to the vet for her shots. She is scared the kitten would get hurt. Nitya's mom tells her that everything would be alright.
  - ☒ D. Nitya takes Sparkle to the vet and is very nervous. Nitya begins to cry because she is worried about her kitten getting hurt while getting shots. Her mom promises that things will be okay.
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9. Which is the **best** summary of the last paragraph?

- ☒ A. Nitya does not want to take her kitten to the vet at all. Her kitten has to get a few shots at the vet. Nitya is very brave and is excited when they got to leave the vet.
  - ☒ B. Nitya does not want to take Sparkle to the vet. Sparkle does not like Dr. Bellows and would not let him rub her belly. Nitya is proud of Sparkle for being brave about getting shots.
  - ☒ C. Nitya is still nervous when they get to the vet. Dr. Bellows rubs the kitten's belly, which helps it to relax. Nitya is so proud of her kitten for being so brave during the shots.
  - ☒ D. Nitya tries to be brave when she brings Sparkle to the vet. Sparkle becomes very relaxed while Dr. Bellows rubs her belly. Dr. Bellows gives Sparkle a bunch of shots.
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Syd Franklin was a kitten who looked like a tiger. He liked to crouch in tall grasses and growl at the grasshoppers. He was just a kitten, but he felt much bigger. He felt like a real tiger with giant claws and giant muscles in his legs.

Syd Franklin, at five months old, decided he was the toughest cat on the block. He told the other cats, "I'm the toughest. I'm the best! You old cats, you need your rest!"

Ninja the Bobtail laughed at his boasting. He said nothing and went on looking for butterflies. Pierre the British Shorthair hissed at the kitten and sharpened his claws on the old, red doormat.

Syd Franklin saw that the other cats didn't believe him. Syd Franklin squeaked, "I'm the toughest! I'll show you all! I'll climb that oak that's 100 feet tall!"

Ninja and Pierre giggled as the tiny tiger kitty climbed higher and higher in the tree. "Look up here! Look at me! It's mighty Syd Franklin at the top of the tree!" he shouted.

"That's very good," said Pierre. "Now let's see you come down."

Syd Franklin hadn't thought of that! What would he do? He stayed up in the oak tree for an entire night! Finally, the next day he came up with a plan. He would dig his claws in the branches as deeply as he could. Then, he would inch his way down. It worked, and he got down safely. After that, he decided to wait until he was older to climb trees again.

10. Which is the **best** summary of the last paragraph?

- ☒ A. Syd Franklin hadn't thought of that! What would he do? Syd Franklin climbed down safely. What a scary time he had!
  - ☒ B. Syd Franklin stayed up in the oak tree until he could figure out how to get down. Pierre taught him how to climb down.
  - ☒ C. Syd Franklin was stuck in the tree overnight, but he got down the next day. He decided to wait before he climbed trees again.
  - ☒ D. Syd Franklin did not know how to get out of the tree. What would he do? He dug his claws deeply into each of the branches.
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## Answers

1. C
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. A
9. C
10. C

## Explanations

1. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. It does not give all of the details. The most important points in this story are:

1. Charlotte and Leah love to go swimming in the summer.
2. It keeps raining during the last week of summer.
3. Charlotte's mom takes the girls to swim at an indoor pool making them very happy.

2. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. It does not give all of the details. The most important points in this story are:

1. Cathy stayed up too late so she is sleepy.
2. Cathy tries to put pictures on her eyes so she can sleep in class.
3. Mr. Chalmers catches her.

3. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. It does not give all of the details. The most important points in the third paragraph are:

1. Campbell begins to feel nervous.
2. Campbell is having fun but wants to be the champion.
3. Campbell beats her sister Baily and becomes the checkers champion.

4. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. In this case, this summary only gives the most important ideas in the first paragraph. The two most important ideas in the first paragraph are:

1. Cathy stayed up too late so she is sleepy.
2. She cannot keep her eyes open during class.

5. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. It does not give all of the details. The best summary retells the most important events in the story. The most important points in this story are:



1. Terence is excited for Thanksgiving so he can play with Jake.
2. Terence is sad when he finds out that Jake is going out of town.
3. Terence sees his new neighbor playing basketball so he cheers up.

6. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. It does not give all of the details. The best summary retells the most important events in the story. The most important points in this story are:

1. Shagit was in elementary school and was a good tennis player.
2. Coach Ulsh set up a game with Shagit and the high school tennis team captain.
3. Shagit was nervous, but he won.

7. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. It does not give all of the details. The best summary retells the most important events in the story. The most important points in the story are:

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3. Shagit was nervous, but he won.

8. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. It does not give all of the details. The most important points in this story are:

1. Nitya gets her own kitten.
2. Nitya is nervous about taking the kitten to the vet.
3. The kitten is brave at the vet, which makes Nitya proud.

9. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. It does not give all of the details. The best summary retells the most important events in the story. The most important points in this paragraph are:

1. Nitya is still nervous about going to the vet.
2. Dr. Bellows helps Sparkle relax by rubbing her belly.
3. Nitya is very proud of Sparkle for being brave during her shots.

10. A summary gives only the most important ideas and information of a story. It does not give all of the details. Only the most important ideas should be included in the summary. The last paragraph has many points that are important to the entire story, including:

1. Syd Franklin gets stuck overnight and getting down the next day.
2. He decides not to climb trees until he is older.