

## What is a summary?

a brief restatement about the important detail  
In other words, you are telling the highlights of the story to another.

## How do I write a summary?

→ While reading the story, make side notes.

→ Use these words to help you.

→ Who = who are the most important people in the story?

What = what happened in the story?

How = How did it happen?

Why = Why did it happen?

When = When did it take place?

(Not just the year, but also day, time.  
All the story tells you)

Where = What is the setting of the story

Here is an example.

Who is the most important person? Brian Robeson, a 13-year-old boy

What happened? His plane crashes in the wilderness, and Brian has to learn how to survive. He learns to build shelter, hunt for food, and keep himself safe for 54 days.  
How did things happen? Brian was scared and frustrated at first, but then he discovers he is stronger than he realized.

Why did these things happen? Brian was visiting his dad in Canada because his parents got a divorce. The pilot of the plane had a heart attack and so the plane crashed.

When did the action take place? In the summer, sometime in the recent past

Where did the events occur? The Canadian wilderness

You can also use a mindmap to do this!

Who

What

Story

How

Why

When

Where

→ Use this topics to write your summary.  
IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE IN A SPECIFIC ORDER.

Write it so that it makes sense.

After you do the questions/mind map, write the summary in bullet form.

For example.

- This a story about Brian Robeson, a 13-year-old boy.
- During the summer he went to visit his father in Canada.
- While undergoing the flight the pilot got a heart attack and the plain crashed.
- The plain crashed in the wilderness.
- He spent 54 days here trying to survive.

This is a simple example. Can you see that I only write in short sentences, using bullets. No headings in between.

Task

Write a summary of Lamb to the Slaughter in 50 - 80 words.