Y6 Precis Summary Writing

KS2 Y6 English · Follows the national curriculum

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1. Worked example

Write the key point of paragraph 1 in no more than 15 words.

Step 1 · Who, what, when?

pupils; turned grass into a food garden; three years ago

Step 2 · Write it

Three years ago, pupils turned an empty patch of grass into a food garden.

Step 3 · Count

14 words

Answer: Three years ago, pupils turned an empty patch of grass into a food garden.

Check: The caretaker's name and the head's condition are details.

2. Now try one with the steps

Write the key point of paragraph 2 in no more than 15 words.

Step 1 · Main idea

Step 2 · Write it

Step 3 · Count

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is a précis?

2. Should a précis follow the same order original?

3. Should you include examples and lists?

4. Give a general word to replace 'apples, pears and plums'.

5. Give a general word to replace 'football, netball and hockey'.

6. Should you add your own opinion to a précis?

7. How many years ago did the garden begin?

8. Is 'the first crop of carrots was eaten by slugs' a main point or a detail?

9. Summarise paragraph 3 in no more than 20 words.

10. Shorten to 6 words or fewer: 'They did not give up, even when things went wrong.'

11. Why might you need to write a précis in real life?

12. Name one thing you should check after writing a précis.

13. Shorten to 10 words or fewer: 'A group of Year 4 pupils, led by our caretaker, asked the head teacher whether they could make a garden.'

14. Write a précis of the whole garden text in no more than 40 words.

4. Before you hand it in

Copying the first sentence of each paragraph.
Find the main idea of the whole paragraph and put it in your own words.

Going over the word limit.
Count, then cut details and replace lists with general words.

Missing out a whole paragraph's point.
Write one key point per paragraph first, then join them.

Adding opinion: 'This amazing garden is the best thing ever.'
Report what the text says.