Sum It Up!

Find the main idea and retell it short



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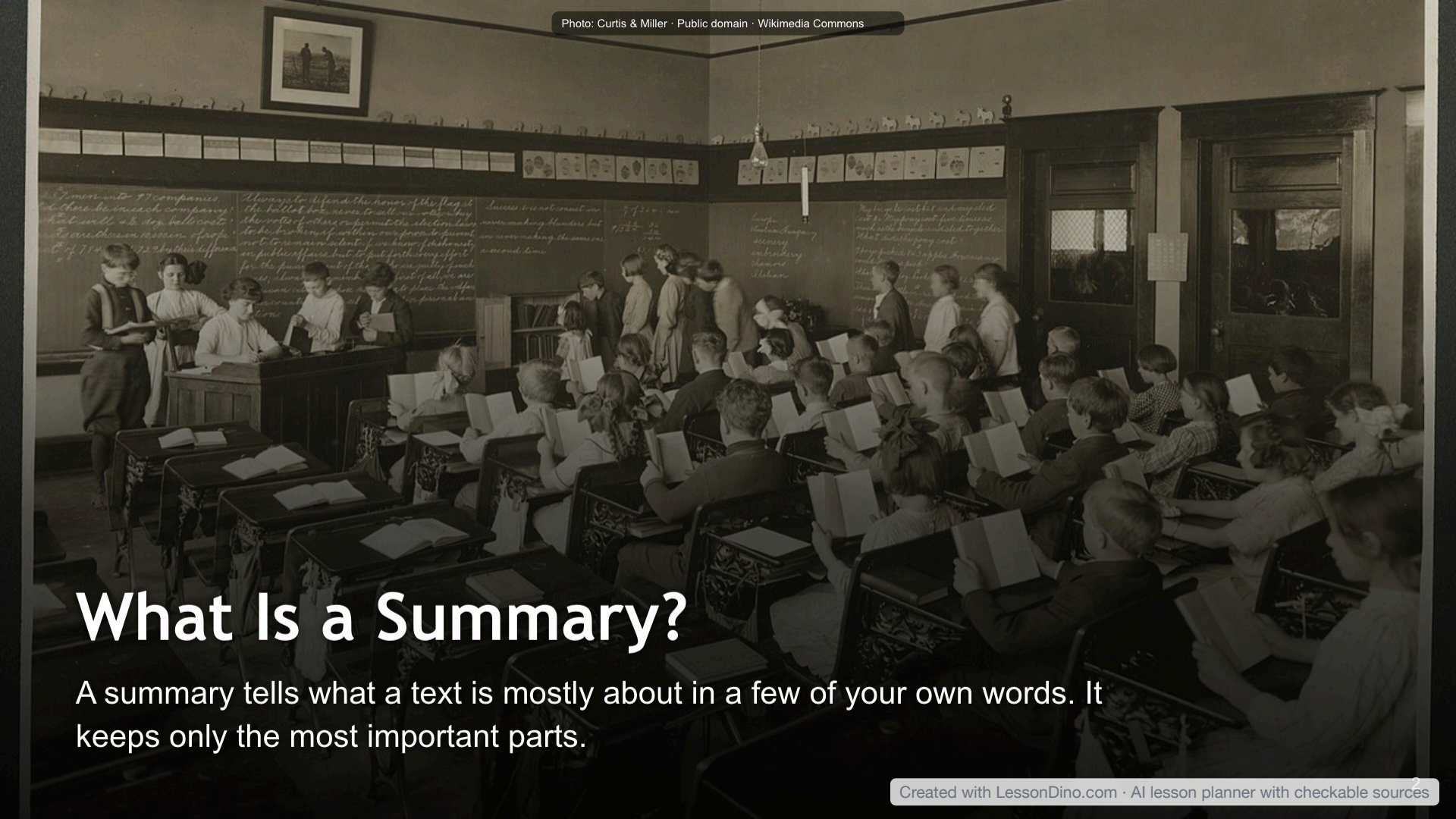


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What Is a Summary?

A summary tells what a text is mostly about in a few of your own words. It keeps only the most important parts.

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Summary vs. Retell All

Summary

- Tells big idea in own words
- Keeps only key details
- Is short and clear

Retell Everything

- Tells every little thing
- Copies words from text
- Is long and hard to follow

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How to Summarize



1. Find main idea: what is it mostly about?
2. Pick key details that prove it.
3. Leave out small or funny extras.
4. Say it short in your own words.

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What Is Tricky for You?

Which part of summarizing feels hardest?

- **A** Finding the main idea
- **B** Choosing key details
- **C** Using my own words

Vote with your hands, then explain why.





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Watch: Big Idea + Proof



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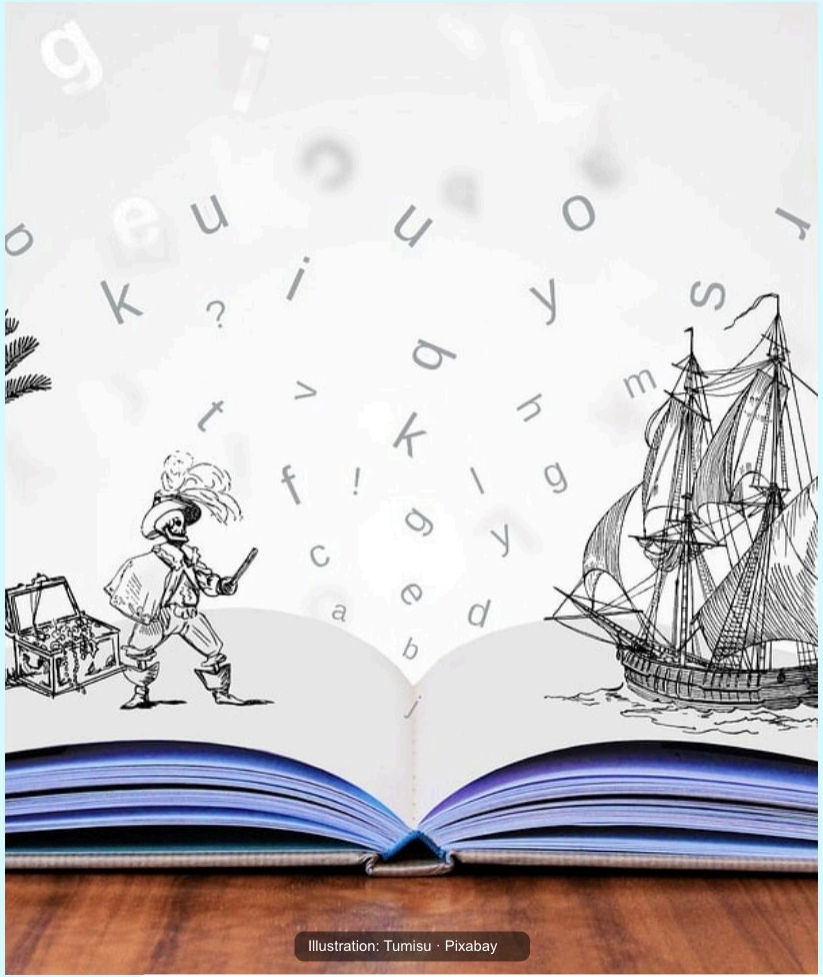
- Listen for the main idea
- Spot details that support it

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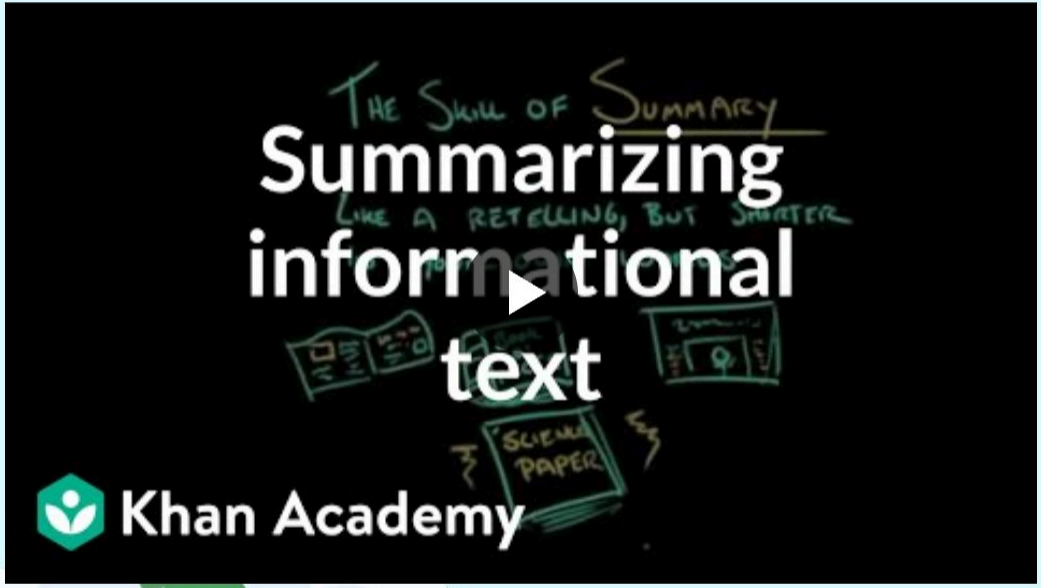
Good readers make pictures in their minds.

That mind movie makes the main idea easier to remember and summarize.



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Watch: Summarize Facts



▶ 0:00 – 2:42

- Watch how she finds key facts
- Notice short own-words summary

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Your task

Read the bee text with a partner and write a 1-2 sentence summary.

1. Read: Bees visit flowers for sweet juice called nectar. They carry pollen dust that helps new plants grow. In the hive, they work as a team to make honey.
2. Ask: What is it mostly about? Which 2 details prove it?
3. Write your short summary in your own words.

10 min

In pairs

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A Great Summary Has



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What could this be?

I tell the big idea, leave small stuff out, and use new words. What am I?



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True or false?

A summary tells every detail.

Key details support the main idea.

Use your own words in a summary.

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