# Shrink It Down!

Summarising main ideas across paragraphs




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# Today we will...

## WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph
- Spot key details that support main ideas

## SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- ✓ I can find the thread across paragraphs
- ✓ I can group details into one big idea
- ✓ I can write a 1-2 sentence summary







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# Key words

**summarise**

shrink text, keep only main points

**main idea**

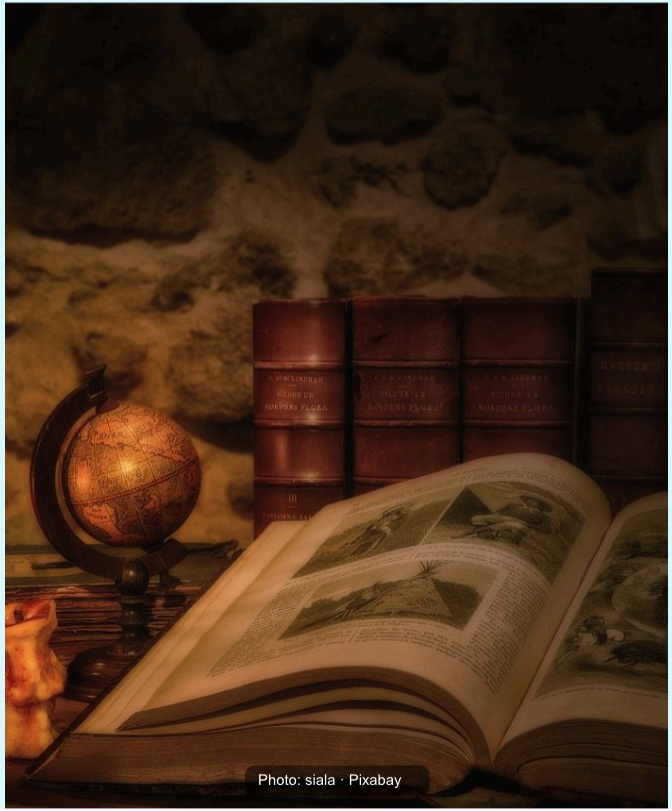
what the whole text is mostly about

**key detail**

important fact that proves the idea

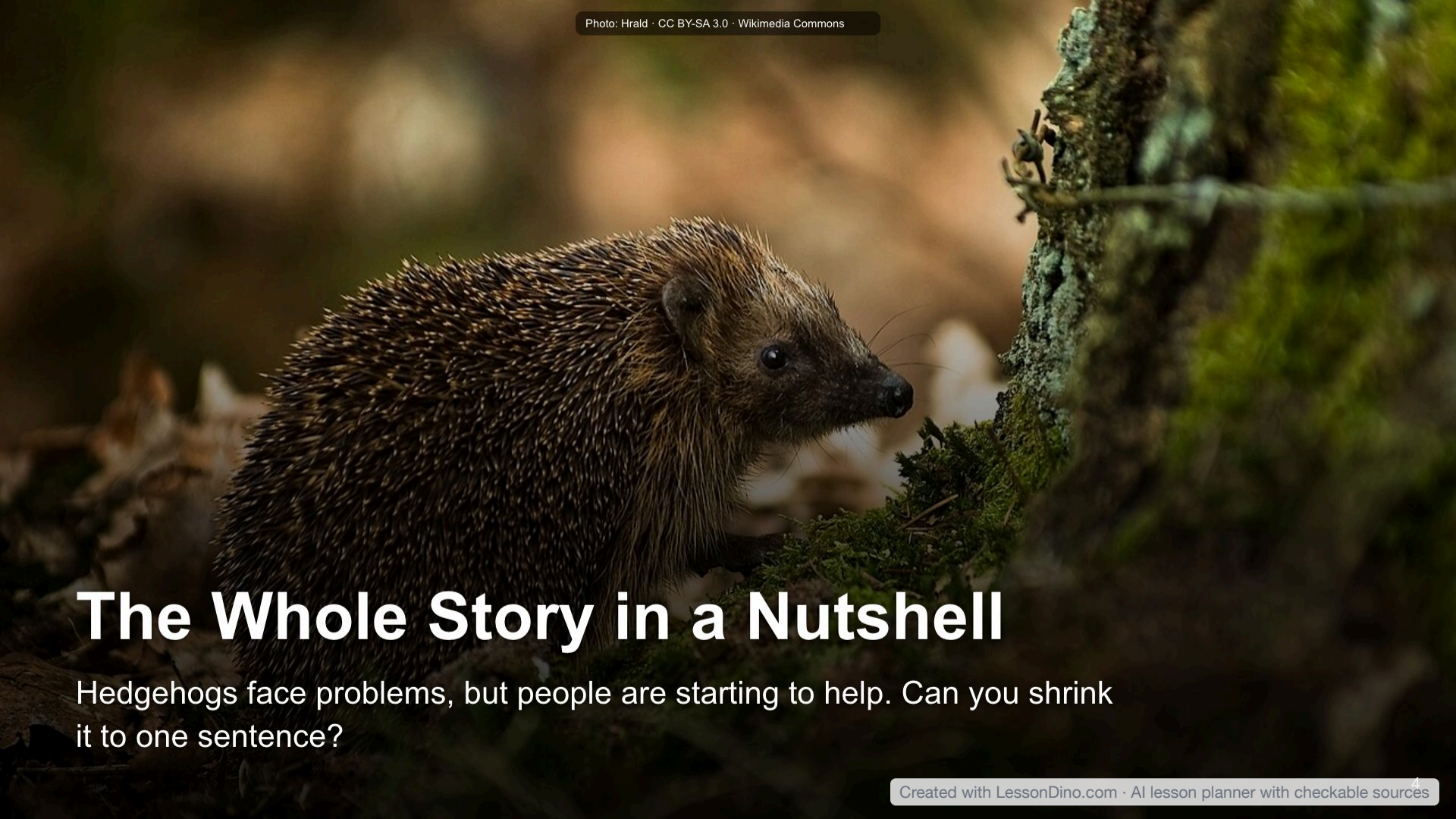
**paragraph**

group of sentences about one point






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# The Whole Story in a Nutshell

Hedgehogs face problems, but people are starting to help. Can you shrink it to one sentence?



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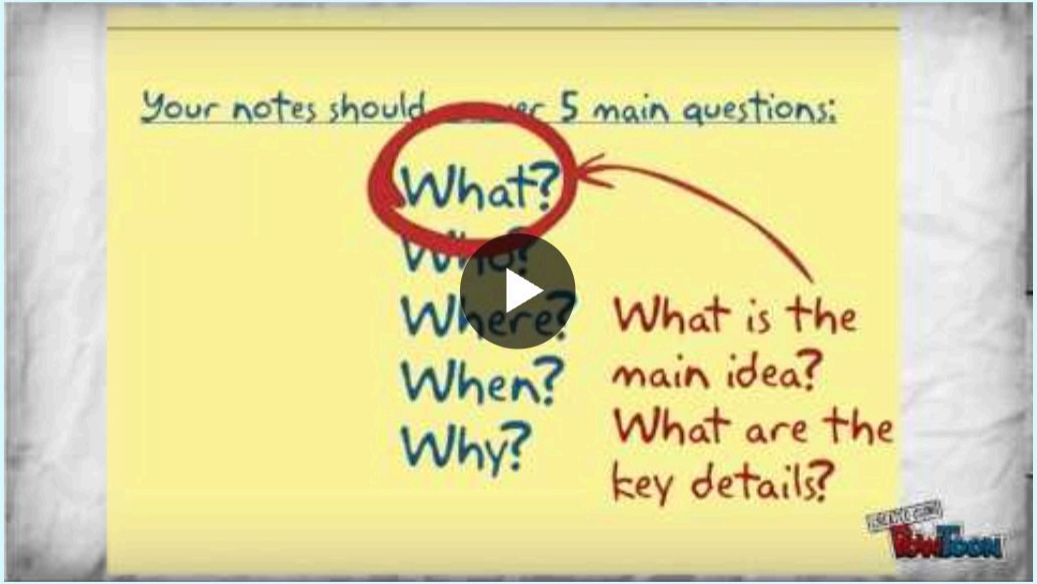
# What could this be?

**A tiny doorway cut in a garden fence. Who is it for, and why?**




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# Watch: Main Idea + Key Details




▶ 0:00 – 4:38

- Listen for the thread across paragraphs
- Spot details that prove the idea

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DID YOU KNOW?

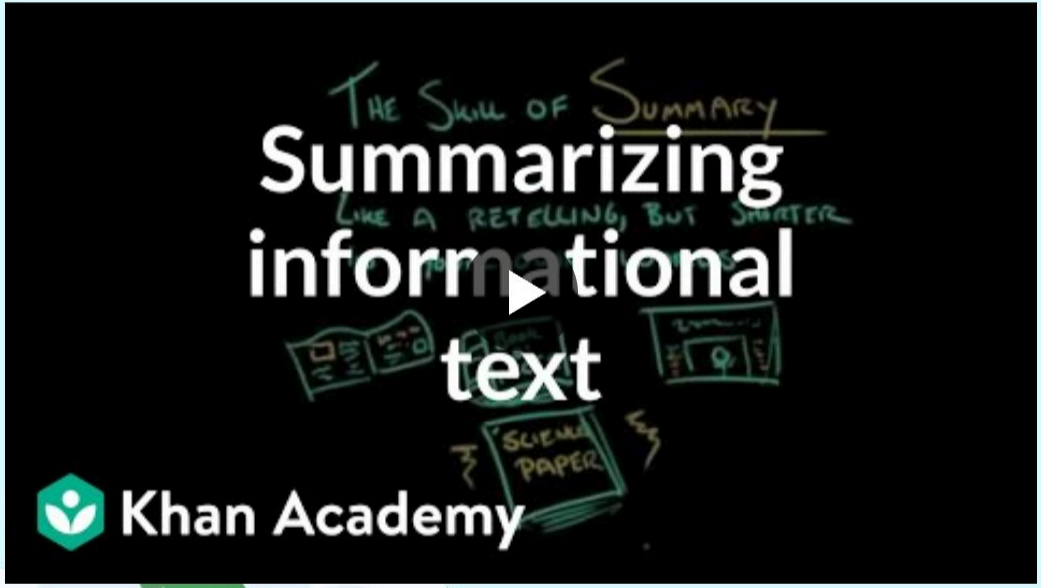
# A topic sentence is often the first sentence in a paragraph.

Read it first when you skim to find each paragraph’s point quickly.



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# Watch: Summarise Across Paragraphs




▶ 0:00 – 2:42

- Watch how details fold into one idea
- Listen for writing it in own words

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# Your task

## In pairs, read two paragraphs and write a one-sentence summary.

1. P1: Hedgehog numbers are falling. Roads cut across their night paths. Fences block paths. Pellets poison food.
2. P2: But help is growing. Gardeners leave small gaps under fences. Highways let them move and find food.
3. Underline thread, group details, write summary in own words.

**10 min**

**In pairs**

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# Shrink-It Steps




1. Skim each paragraph, read first sentence
2. Ask: what thread links every paragraph?
3. Group small details into one big idea
4. Write 1-2 sentences in own words
5. Check: not too narrow, not too broad



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# What helps you most?

## Which part of summarising helps you most?

A Finding the thread

B Grouping details together

C Writing it in my own words

Vote with your hands, then explain why.





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# Exit ticket

1. One main idea I found today was...

2. One key detail that supported it was...

3. One question I still have...



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