

1. Summarizing

Laura was nervous about climbing the rock wall at her community center. She attempted to climb it once last year but only made it a few feet off the ground. She was older now and wanted to try to tackle the wall again, but she was still afraid that she would not make it. Her dad encouraged her to give it another try.

Laura got in the harness and looked up. The rocks towered above her, and the bell at the top seemed so far away. She put her foot on the first climbing hold and pulled up nervously. As she continued to reach for the holds above her, she realized she was halfway up the wall. All of a sudden, the next holds all seemed out of reach.

As she froze on the wall, she heard her dad shout, "Stretch to the left! There's a hold there!" Laura did what her dad said and found the hold. Then, he said, "Move your foot to the right and up!"

Laura made it to the top. "Thanks, Dad," she thought as she rung the bell and smiled.

Summarize this passage. Be sure to include the major events from the beginning, middle, and end.

2. Summarizing

Russell is struggling with his math homework and he is getting frustrated. He is usually good at math, but he just doesn't understand division. His mother tries to help him out, but she confuses him even more.

Russell's sister, Nia, decides to help. She grabs a huge pad of paper her dad keeps in the spare bedroom. She rushes down the stairs and sets up right next to Russell.

"What are you doing?" Russel asks with a tone of annoyance.

"Russell, I had an awful time learning division when I was your age. I even failed three tests in a row!" Nia explained.

"You're the smartest kid in your class. You really struggled with division?" asked Russell.

"Yes, now let's get to work!" Nia exclaimed.

They spent the afternoon reviewing division. Russell felt much better.

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Kara and her best friend Miriam were excited to go the library. When they arrived, they wandered carelessly through the bookshelves. Kara had a bright idea.

"Let's grab our books and go to our secret spot. I love reading our books there!" Kara said.

Miriam agreed. They walked across the library toward their secret spot. As they approached, Miriam let out a huge sigh.

"Someone is already in our secret spot!" Miriam exclaimed.

"Don't worry. We will find another place," Kara suggested.

"Okay," Miriam said in a solemn voice.

Kara snatched a book from the shelf and pointed to the loft.

"That's our new reading spot!" Kara whispered.

Kara and Miriam climbed the ladder to the loft. They found cushions that leaned against the wall. It was even better than their last place!

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Chloe loved going to the art museum. Her grandmother always took her on her birthday, so it was their special tradition. Chloe loved looking at the abstract and pop art paintings. She really liked pop art because it looked like it was from a comic book. Everything seemed to pop out at her. She also liked looking at the abstract paintings because she imagined herself painting a masterpiece one day. Chloe had a deep appreciation for art and the museum. She would always come back home inspired to work on her own art projects.

"Grandmother, I think I am going to make you a painting for your birthday. What is your second favorite color?" Chloe asked, knowing that turquoise was her favorite color.

"My second favorite color is lime green," Grandmother responded.

Chloe went home and started working on her grandmother's birthday gift. When it came for Chloe's grandmother's birthday, Chloe gave her an abstract painting with turquoise and lime green in it. Her grandmother hugged her and thanked her for the painting.

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