

Summarising and Retelling Worksheet

When we summarise and retell, we find the most important information from a text and make those bits short and to the point. These skills are not just used for reading, they are used in all subject areas.

A skilled reader can:

- Find the most important ideas and information in a text.
- Organise the ideas or information in a clear way (who, what, when, where, why).
- Shorten the ideas and information but keep (hold on to) the key parts.

Have a try using your summarising and retelling skills!

Question 1

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions below.

Freya loves netball. She plays it every day at school. Then, when she gets home, she plays some more. She can pass, shoot, defend and is fast at running. Freya can charge up and down the court all day long, as quick as a flash. When she plays in a shooting position, she gets lots of goals. When defending, the opposition doesn't get many goals.

All of her teammates and coaches say she is quite incredible and works so hard to be the best player she can be. She loves playing the game. Someday, when Freya grows up, she wants to play for the Silver Ferns and play for as long as she can.

a. Who is the text about?

b. What is the text about?

c. How does the character feel about the sport?

d. What is an important message from this text?

e. What does it say at the end of the text?

f. What netball skills does the text mention?

g. What are the three main parts of the text?

h. Summarise the impression you are given of Freya?

i. Number the summarising sentences (from 1-5) in the order they happened.

- Freya gets lots of goals.
- She plays netball every day.
- Freya wants to play for the Silver Ferns one day.
- She can pass, shoot, defend and is so agile.
- Her coach and teammates think she is incredible.

j. Tick the statement which best describes Freya.

- An incredible netball player.
- A defender who is improving her shooting skills.
- Someone who was too small to play defence.
- A great team player but not a very good coach.

Question 2

Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions below.

Happy Hamburger Takeaway Restaurant Review

Written by Jasmine (nine years old) and Angelo (eight years old).

This takeaway restaurant is down a small lane. There is a large sign on the main road that tells you where to go. Inside, it is bright with lots of posters and paintings up on the wall and looks really great. The menu is displayed above the counter. When we walked in, it was really busy with lots of people standing and a few people eating near the counter.

The menu had things you can have with a burger (like hot chips, fries, onion rings, etc.), burgers and milkshakes for dessert. After reading it, we wanted to get most of the food. It all sounded very yummy. It was a hard decision to order. Eventually, we decided on some cheesy chips to share, then a burger each and milkshakes to finish.

The cheesy chips were great, but there were too many. We decided to stop eating them because we wouldn't have room for the rest of our food. Next, we had our hamburger. Angelo ordered the vegetarian burger, which uses tofu and lots of spicy sauce. His mouth was on fire! Apart from that, he really liked it. I went for the cheese and bacon burger. It was huge with a soft bun and juicy tomatoes. I also ate the lot. Lastly, we each had a milkshake. I had strawberry and Angelo had chocolate. The milkshakes were topped with whipped cream and sprinkles - all very tasty!

We had some great food at the Happy Hamburger. The cost of the meal was \$32 and we left very full and happy.

a. Who is involved in the review?

b. What is it about?

c. Why is it written?

d. Where does it take place?

e. What type of food does the restaurant specialise in?

f. Retell what they had for their meal.

g. Number the summarising sentences (from 1-4) in the order they happened.

- It was a hard decision for the reviewers on what to order.
- The restaurant is bright with lots of posters and paintings.
- Angelo's vegetarian burger was spicy.
- There were too many cheesy chips.

h. In summary, did Jasmine and Angelo like the restaurant (please give a reason)?

Summarising and Retelling Worksheet Answers

Question 1

a. Who is the text about?

The text is about Freya.

b. What is the text about?

The text is about Freya and how much she loves and how good she is at netball.

c. How does the character feel about the sport?

Freya loves netball and wants to achieve the highest possible level.

d. What is an important message from this text?

Try your best, love playing the games and sports you play and practice a lot.

e. What does it say at the end of the text?

That Freya wants to play for the Silver Ferns and play the sport for a long time (as long as she can).

f. What netball skills does the text mention?

It mentions passing, shooting and defending.

g. What are the three main parts of the text?

Any of the following:

- Freya loves netball.
- Freya is very good at netball.
- Freya plays and trains hard.
- Freya always tries her best.
- She can play as a defender or attacker.
- Freya is fast.
- Freya wants to play for the Silver Ferns.

h. Summarise the impression you are given of Freya?

Answers will vary but should be similar to the following:

Freya is a hard-working and talented young person who enjoys playing her sport and dreams of doing well at netball.

i. Number the summarising sentences (from 1-5) in the order they happened.

(3) Freya gets lots of goals.

(1) She plays netball every day.

(5) Freya wants to play for the Silver Ferns one day.

(2) She can pass, shoot, defend and is so agile.

(4) Her coach and teammates think she is incredible.

j. Tick the statement which best describes Freya.

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Question 2

a. Who is involved in the review?

Jasmine and Angelo.

b. What is it about?

Two children eating and reviewing a hamburger takeaway restaurant.

c. Why is it written?

To review their experience of eating out and to inform other people of what it was like.

d. Where does it take place?

Happy Hamburger Takeaway Restaurant.

e. What type of food does the restaurant specialise in?

Hamburgers, with sides, desserts (milkshakes).

f. Retell what they had for their meal.

Angelo had a vegetarian burger and a chocolate milkshake. Jasmine had a cheese and bacon burger and a strawberry milkshake. They shared cheesy chips to start.

g. Number the summarising sentences (from 1-4) in the order they happened.

(2) It was a hard decision for the reviewers on what to order.

(1) The restaurant is bright with lots of posters and paintings.

(4) Angelo's vegetarian burger was spicy.

(3) There were too many cheesy chips.

h. In summary, did Jasmine and Angelo like the restaurant (please give a reason)?

Overall yes, they did. Some of the reasons are as follows:

They ate all of the food.

They said it was yummy and tasty.

They left very full.

They liked the bright colours in the restaurant.

It was hard to order, all of the food seemed very good.