

How to write a summary

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Keep who did what. Drop feelings, extra counts, and the when, unless that is the news. Start with the person. Do not start with "This article is about".

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Pushing the freezer aside with his trunk, a wild elephant raided a small shop near Thailand's Khao Yai park for sweets, eating ten bags in ten minutes.

One sentence

An elephant raided a shop for sweets.

Headline

Elephant raids shop for sweets

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elephant

raided

shop

for

sweets

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Two weeping nurses somehow saved the tiny premature twin babies before dawn.

Keep five of its own words. No new words.

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One-sentence summary. Glue words are fine. New facts are not.

Headline. One line.

Brown flood water, rising within ten minutes, ruined the entire ground floor.

Keep five of its own words. No new words.

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Furious unions, calling the terms an insult, rejected all final contract offers.

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Overnight parking was allowed on every street until the mayor banned it.

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Headline. One line.

Volunteers, not the council, reopened the railway line that collapsed in March.

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One - sentence summary. Glue words are fine. New facts are not.

Headline. One line.

The last giant sundaes were licked by thirty cheering children after the van broke down.

Keep five of its own words. No new words.

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Headline. One line.

From Wellfleet in November to a Coney Island afternoon eight months later, turtle Pancake rejoins the Atlantic.

Keep five of its own words. No new words.

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One - sentence summary. Glue words are fine. New facts are not.

Headline. One line.

In thirty years at an Ohio children's hospital, one surgeon draws ten thousand cartoons on little bandages.

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Headline. One line.

Rex, a wobbly four - month - old kitten who never could walk, gets in the wheelchair Michael Hawley built him from Lego.

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One - sentence summary. Glue words are fine. New facts are not.

Headline. One line.

After a prank order of pizzas in Wyoming, one pizzeria owner gives the whole lot to the ER.

Keep five of its own words. No new words.

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One-sentence summary. Glue words are fine. New facts are not.

Headline. One line.

After a call from an Ohio church, a friendly pygmy goat rode to the county fair in the back seat of a police cruiser.

Keep five of its own words. No new words.

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One-sentence summary. Glue words are fine. New facts are not.

Headline. One line.

A Seattle dog called Eclipse rode the bus alone to the park, a few stops off, in a red harness, with her own pass on her collar.

Keep five of its own words. No new words.

One - sentence summary. Glue words are fine. New facts are not.

Headline. One line.

Model answers, for the teacher

Two weeping nurses somehow saved the tiny premature twin babies before dawn.

Five words

nurses

saved

premature

twin

babies

One sentence

Nurses saved premature twin babies.

Headline

Nurses save premature twin babies

Dropped: Weeping, somehow, tiny, dawn.

Brown flood water, rising within ten minutes, ruined the entire ground floor.

Five words

flood

ruined

entire

ground

floor

One sentence

Flood water ruined the entire ground floor.

Headline

Flood ruins entire ground floor

Dropped: Brown, ten minutes.

Furious unions, calling the terms an insult, rejected all final contract offers.

Five words

unions

rejected

final

contract

offers

One sentence

Unions rejected the final contract offers.

Headline

Unions reject final contract offers

Dropped: Furious, insult, all.

Overnight parking was allowed on every street until the mayor banned it.

Five words

mayor

banned

overnight

street

parking

One sentence

The mayor banned overnight street parking.

Headline

Mayor bans overnight street parking

Dropped: Allowed, every. The ban is the news.

Volunteers, not the council, reopened the railway line that collapsed in March.

Five words

volunteers

reopened

collapsed

railway

line

One sentence

Volunteers reopened the collapsed railway line.

Headline

Volunteers reopen collapsed railway line

Dropped: The council, March.

The last giant sundaes were licked by thirty cheering children after the van broke down.

Five words

children

licked

last

giant

sundaes

One sentence

Children licked the last giant sundaes.

Headline

Children lick last giant sundaes

Dropped: Thirty, cheering, the van.

From Wellfleet in November to a Coney Island afternoon eight months later, turtle Pancake rejoins the Atlantic.

Five words

Wellfleet

turtle

Pancake

rejoins

Atlantic

One sentence

Turtle Pancake rejoins the Atlantic.

Headline

Turtle Pancake rejoins the Atlantic

Dropped: November, Coney Island, eight months. Wellfleet can stay in the five. It does not have to stay in the sentence.

In thirty years at an Ohio children's hospital, one surgeon draws ten thousand cartoons on little bandages.

Five words

surgeon

draws

cartoons

on

bandages

One sentence

A surgeon draws cartoons on bandages.

Headline

Surgeon draws cartoons on bandages

Dropped: Thirty years, Ohio, ten thousand, little.

Rex, a wobbly four-month-old kitten who never could walk, gets in the wheelchair Michael Hawley built him from Lego.

Five words

wobbly

kitten

gets

Lego

wheelchair

One sentence

A wobbly kitten gets a Lego wheelchair.

Headline

Wobbly kitten gets Lego wheelchair

Dropped: Rex, four-month-old, never could walk, Michael Hawley.

After a prank order of pizzas in Wyoming, one pizzeria owner gives the whole lot to the ER.

Five words

pizzeria

gives

pizzas

to

ER

One sentence

A pizzeria gives pizzas to the ER.

Headline

Pizzeria gives pizzas to ER

Dropped: Prank, Wyoming, whole lot, owner.

After a call from an Ohio church, a friendly pygmy goat rode to the county fair in the back seat of a police cruiser.

Five words

pygmy

goat

rode

police

cruiser

One sentence

A pygmy goat rode a police cruiser.

Headline

Pygmy goat rides police cruiser

Dropped: Ohio, church, friendly, county fair, back seat.

A Seattle dog called Eclipse rode the bus alone to the park, a few stops off, in a red harness, with her own pass on her collar.

Five words

Seattle

dog

rode

bus

alone

One sentence

A Seattle dog rode the bus alone.

Headline

Seattle dog rides bus alone

Dropped: Eclipse, the park, red harness, the pass.
