

Test Taking Vocabulary Word of the Week

The vocabulary word and definition can be found on the back of this handout. You may want to post it in your room to refer to and to review with.

SUMMARIZE-give a short description of something's main points.

Examples to Share with Your Class:

1. Our class wrote a *summary* of the story after we read it.
2. My dad *summarized* the newspaper article on recycling rather than reading the whole thing to me.
3. I read the *summary* on the back of my library book before checking it out.
4. The scientist gave a *summary* of the results of his water vapor experiments.
5. It is easier to understand a story if you stop and *summarize* as you read.
6. The teacher asked us to examine the graph and *summarize* our findings.
7. To show your thinking you can *summarize* the strategies that you use to figure out math story problems.
8. Sam read the paragraph and *summarized* the main idea.

Teaching Ideas:

1. Read a picture book to your students. After, read the short summary of the book from the copyright page. (This will be one or two sentences.) Ask students if this accurately *summarizes* the book. Have students look at the copyright page of their own library books to find the short summary. Do they agree with the summary?
2. Put different colored unifix cubes in a brown bag. Have students work with a partner. Shake the bag. Have students take turns pulling one out of the bag at a time and tallying their results. Each student can pull 25 times. After looking at the data, have students *summarize* what they think is in the bag, which color has the most cubes, least etc. You could scaffold this by telling the students the total amount in the bag.

Synonyms: sum up, recap, review, restate, go over, run through