



Summary Writing

Module 1: ANSWER KEY

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Summary Writing Module 1

Answer Key

Step 1: Identify the Focus

Question

According to Text B, what are the various attractions of cycle touring?

Circle the Key Word

attractions

What does the word attractions mean?

Sample Answers:

- advantages
 - benefits
 - positive aspects
 - things people enjoy
 - reasons people might like cycle touring
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The focus of this summary is:

Sample Answers:

- the advantages of cycle touring
 - the benefits of travelling by bicycle
 - the attractions of cycle touring
 - positive experiences associated with cycle touring
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Step 2: Relevant or Irrelevant?

Information	Include?
Seeing the world	YES
Fear of rain	NO
Welcoming locals	YES
Loneliness	NO
Discovering personal strength	YES
Broken bicycle	NO
Excitement of each day	YES
Boredom while cycling	NO
Seeing wildlife	YES
Visiting villages	YES
Other cyclists helping	YES
Roadside meals	YES

Step 3: Explain Your Thinking

Why should “welcoming locals” be included?

Sample Answers:

- It is a positive experience.
 - Meeting people is one of the attractions of cycle touring.
 - It explains why cycle touring can be enjoyable.
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Why should “broken bicycle” NOT be included?

Sample Answers:

- It is a problem rather than an attraction.
 - It is a disadvantage.
 - The question only asks about attractions.
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Step 4: The Summary Filter

1

The writer worried about bandits in the hills.

Answer:

Irrelevant

Reason:

This is a fear, not an attraction.

2

The writer enjoyed meeting local people.

Answer:

Relevant

Reason:

Meeting people is an attraction of cycle touring.

3

The writer learned they were stronger than expected.

Answer:

Relevant

Reason:

Personal growth is an attraction.

4

The writer feared their bicycle would break.

Answer:

Irrelevant

Reason:

This is a concern, not a benefit.

5

The writer enjoyed seeing wildlife.

Answer:

Relevant

Reason:

Enjoying nature is one of the attractions.

6

The writer passed through interesting villages.

Answer:

Relevant

Reason:

Unique travel experiences are attractions.

Reflection

Complete the sentence:

The most important step before writing a summary is:

Sample Answers:

- identifying the focus of the question.
 - understanding exactly what information is required.
 - deciding what information is relevant.
 - reading the question carefully.
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Exit Ticket

Write one sentence explaining the focus of the question.

Question:

According to Text B, what are the various attractions of cycle touring?

Sample Answers:

- The question asks for the advantages of cycle touring.
 - The summary should explain why people enjoy cycle touring.
 - The response should focus only on the positive aspects of cycle touring.
 - The summary should include the attractions of travelling by bicycle and exclude disadvantages.
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Teacher Notes

The purpose of Module 1 is not to teach summary writing itself.

The purpose is to teach students to answer the correct question.

Many weak Cambridge candidates lose marks because they include:

X disadvantages

X background information

X personal opinions

X irrelevant details

Strong candidates first identify the focus and then filter every piece of information through a simple question:

“Does this answer the question?”

If the answer is no, it does not belong in the summary.

This skill will be used repeatedly throughout Modules 2–6.



Summary Writing

Module 2:
Umbrella Points

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Summary Writing Module 2

Answer Key

Practice 1: Find the Main Idea

Example 1

Truth is, we discover that we're capable of so much more than we ever thought possible.

Answer: B. Personal growth and confidence

Example 2

The boredom is far outweighed by the excitement of seeing flowers and animals that you'd never notice from a car.

Answer: C. Closer connection with nature

Example 3

A typical cycle tour is about the small things: the tiny villages you pass through.

Answer: B. Visiting places most tourists miss

Example 4

Other cyclists who help you along the way.

Answer: C. Support from other travellers

Practice 2: Main Idea or Detail?

Statement	Answer
Meeting friendly local people	M
Talking about life and politics	D
Building confidence	M
Discovering hidden strengths	D
Seeing wildlife	M
Seeing flowers	D
Visiting unique places	M
Passing through tiny villages	D
Help from other cyclists	D
Excitement of each day	M

Practice 3: Building Umbrella Ideas

Group 1

Details:

- welcoming locals
- conversations with people
- other cyclists helping

Main Idea: Social connections / Meeting people / Positive interactions with others

Group 2

Details:

- flowers
- animals
- forests
- beaches

Main Idea: Enjoying nature / Appreciating natural scenery

Group 3

Details:

- discovering strengths
- completing long rides
- achieving difficult goals

Main Idea: Personal growth / Building confidence / Self-discovery

Group 4

Details:

- villages

- roadside cafés
- unusual meals
- places off the tourist route

Main Idea: Unique travel experiences / Discovering local culture

Practice 4: Remove the Extra Detail

1

Original:

Seeing flowers and animals that you would never notice from a car.

Summary version:

Enjoying nature.

OR

Experiencing wildlife and scenery.

2

Original:

Passing through tiny villages and eating meals in roadside shacks.

Summary version:

Experiencing local culture.

OR

Enjoying unique travel experiences.

3

Original:

Discovering that you are capable of more than you ever thought possible.

Summary version:

Building confidence.

OR

Personal growth.

Practice 5: Creating Summary Notes

Set 1

Details:

- welcoming locals
- conversations with people
- cyclists helping one another

Summary Note:

Meeting supportive and friendly people.

OR

Positive social experiences.

Set 2

Details:

- flowers
- animals
- forests
- beaches

Summary Note:

Enjoying nature and scenery.

Set 3

Details:

- achieving difficult goals
- overcoming challenges
- building confidence

Summary Note:

Personal growth and self-confidence.

Reflection

Sample Answers:

A good summary does not include every detail because:

- summaries focus on the most important information.
 - too many details make the summary unclear.
 - readers only need the key ideas.
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Exit Ticket

Details:

- flowers
- animals
- forests
- beaches

Sample Summary Point:

Cycle touring allows travellers to enjoy nature and beautiful scenery.

Alternative acceptable answers:

- Cyclists experience the natural world more closely.
- Cycle touring provides opportunities to appreciate nature.
- Travellers can observe wildlife and landscapes.



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Module 3: ANSWER KEY

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Summary Writing Module 3

Answer Key

Step 2: Information Harvest

Attraction	Evidence from the Text
Seeing the world	“getting out and seeing the world”
Peaceful escapes	campsites in forests, quiet beaches
Meeting locals	“welcoming locals”
Interesting conversations	“talking about life, love and politics”
Building confidence	“capable of so much more”
Personal growth	overcoming challenges
Daily excitement	“see what the day would bring”
Enjoying nature	flowers and animals
Visiting villages	“tiny villages you pass through”
Help from cyclists	“other cyclists who help you along the way”
Unique food experiences	“incredible meals”
Memorable adventures	travelling by bicycle

Step 3: Converting Sentences into Notes

Example 1

Original:

Not realising I'd be talking about life, love and politics with welcoming locals.

Notes:

- meet friendly locals
 - interesting conversations
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Example 2

Original:

We discover that we're capable of so much more than we ever thought possible.

Notes:

- discover strengths
 - build confidence
-

Example 3

Original:

I'd feel excited and ready to climb back in the saddle to see what the day would bring.

Notes:

- daily excitement
 - new experiences
-

Example 4

Original:

The excitement of seeing flowers and animals that you'd never notice from a car.

Notes:

- observe wildlife
 - enjoy nature
-

Example 5

Original:

Other cyclists who help you along the way.

Notes:

- support from cyclists
 - meet helpful people
-

Example 6

Original:

The tiny villages you pass through.

Notes:

- visit villages
 - explore local communities
-

Step 4: Improving Notes

1

Poor Note:

Talking about life, love and politics with welcoming locals

Better Notes:

- meet friendly locals
 - meaningful conversations
-

2

Poor Note:

Discovering that you are capable of more than you thought possible

Better Notes:

- build confidence
 - discover strengths
-

3

Poor Note:

Eating incredible meals in a roadside shack in the middle of nowhere

Better Notes:

- unique food experiences
 - local cuisine
-

Step 5: Group Your Notes

Social Experiences

- friendly locals
 - supportive cyclists
-

Personal Growth

- build confidence
 - discover strengths
-

Nature and Scenery

- wildlife
 - flowers
-

Travel Experiences

- villages
 - unusual meals
 - daily adventure
 - excitement
-

Step 6: The Note Test

1

Seeing flowers and animals that you'd never notice from a car

Answer:

TOO LONG

2

Enjoy nature

Answer:

GOOD

3

Build confidence

Answer:

GOOD

4

Talking about life, love and politics with welcoming locals

Answer:

TOO LONG

5

Meet friendly people

Answer:

GOOD

6

Unique travel experiences

Answer:

GOOD

Reflection

Sample Answers

The purpose of note-making is to:

- identify important information.
 - reduce long passages into key points.
 - prepare for summary writing.
 - avoid copying directly from the text.
 - organize information efficiently.
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Exit Ticket

Sample Answer 1

Original:

We discover that we're capable of so much more than we ever thought possible.

Note Version:

- discover strengths
 - build confidence
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Exit Ticket

Sample Answer 2

Original:

Other cyclists who help you along the way.

Note Version:

- support from cyclists
 - helpful travellers
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Summary Writing

Module 4: Answer KEY

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Summary Writing Module 4

Answer Key

Activity 1: Finding Categories

Category A

Notes:

- welcoming locals
- talking with people
- helpful cyclists

Category Name:

Social Experiences

Category B

Notes:

- flowers
- wildlife
- forests
- beaches

Category Name:

Nature and Scenery

Category C

Notes:

- discover strengths
- build confidence
- overcome challenges

Category Name:

Personal Growth

Category D

Notes:

- villages
- unusual meals
- daily adventures
- exciting experiences

Category Name:

Travel Experiences

Activity 2: Create Your Own Categories

Many answers are possible.

Category 1

Name:

Social Experiences

Notes:

- meeting locals
 - conversations
 - support from cyclists
-

Category 2

Name:

Nature and Relaxation

Notes:

- peaceful campsites
 - quiet beaches
 - flowers
 - animals
-

Category 3

Name:

Personal Growth

Notes:

- learning about yourself
 - confidence
-

Category 4

Name:

Travel Experiences

Notes:

- seeing the world
 - villages
 - roadside meals
-

Activity 3: Creating Umbrella Points

Group 1

Notes:

- welcoming locals
- conversations
- helpful cyclists

Summary Point:

Cycle touring provides opportunities to meet friendly people and develop positive social connections.

Alternative answers:

- Travellers can enjoy meaningful interactions with others.
 - Cyclists often meet supportive and interesting people.
-

Group 2

Notes:

- confidence
- discovering strengths
- overcoming challenges

Summary Point:

Cycle touring encourages personal growth and builds self-confidence.

Alternative answers:

- Travellers learn more about their abilities.
 - The experience helps people develop confidence and resilience.
-

Group 3

Notes:

- villages
- roadside meals
- daily adventures

Summary Point:

Cycle touring offers unique travel experiences and opportunities to explore local culture.

Alternative answers:

- Travellers can discover places and experiences that most tourists miss.
 - The journey provides memorable adventures and cultural experiences.
-

Activity 4: Organizing a Summary Plan

Which category would make the best opening section?

Sample Answer:

Travel Experiences

Reason:

It provides a broad overview of what cycle touring offers before moving into more specific benefits.

Alternative acceptable answers:

- Social Experiences
- Nature and Scenery

Any category is acceptable if the explanation is logical.

Which category would make the best closing section?

Sample Answer:

Personal Growth

Reason:

It leaves the reader with one of the most significant benefits of cycle touring.

Alternative acceptable answers:

- Nature and Scenery
- Travel Experiences

Again, logical justification is more important than the category chosen.

Activity 5: Build a Summary Skeleton

Opening Idea

Cycle touring provides unique travel experiences and opportunities to explore new places.

Middle Idea 1

Travellers can meet friendly local people and receive support from other cyclists.

Middle Idea 2

The journey allows cyclists to enjoy nature and observe wildlife and scenery.

Closing Idea

Cycle touring helps people build confidence and discover their personal strengths.

Reflection

Why is grouping notes important?

Sample Answers:

- It helps organize information logically.
 - It prevents summaries from becoming a random list of ideas.
 - It helps readers understand the main points.
 - It allows writers to combine related details into larger ideas.
 - It improves the structure of a summary.
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Exit Ticket

Notes:

- villages
- unusual meals
- local culture

Sample Summary Point:

Cycle touring allows travellers to experience local culture and unique travel experiences.

Alternative acceptable answers:

- Travellers can explore local communities and cultural traditions.
 - The journey provides opportunities to discover authentic local experiences.
 - Cyclists can enjoy unique cultural experiences away from typical tourist attractions.
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Teacher Notes

This module introduces one of the most important skills in high-level Cambridge summary writing:

Synthesis

Weak candidates do this:

- flowers
- animals
- forests
- beaches

Strong candidates do this:

- appreciating nature and scenery

Weak candidates list information.

Strong candidates combine information.

The examiner's report repeatedly rewards students who create broader umbrella points rather than simply repeating details from the text.

By the end of Module 4, students should be able to move from:

Details

flowers

animals

villages

locals

cyclists

confidence

↓

Categories

Nature

Travel Experiences

Social Experiences

Personal Growth

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Summary Points

Cycle touring allows travellers to enjoy nature, develop social connections, experience unique adventures, and build confidence.

This is the planning process that prepares students for Module 5, where they begin transforming grouped notes into complete summary sentences and paragraphs.



Summary Writing

Module 5: ANSWER KEY

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Summary Writing Module 5

Answer Key

Practice 1: Combining Notes

Example 1

Notes:

- flowers
- wildlife
- forests
- beaches

Sample Summary Sentence:

Cycle touring allows travellers to enjoy nature and appreciate a variety of landscapes.

Alternative Answers:

- Cyclists can experience natural scenery and wildlife.
 - The journey provides opportunities to observe nature up close.
-

Example 2

Notes:

- confidence
- discovering strengths
- overcoming challenges

Sample Summary Sentence:

Cycle touring helps individuals build confidence and discover their personal strengths.

Alternative Answers:

- Travellers develop self-confidence by overcoming challenges.
 - The experience encourages personal growth and resilience.
-

Example 3

Notes:

- villages
- unusual meals
- local culture

Sample Summary Sentence:

Cycle touring provides opportunities to experience local culture and unique travel experiences.

Alternative Answers:

- Travellers can explore local communities and cultural traditions.
 - The journey allows cyclists to discover authentic local experiences.
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Practice 2: Improving Informal Language

1

Original:

You get to meet lots of nice people.

Formal Version:

Travellers have opportunities to meet friendly and supportive people.

Alternative Answers:

- Cycle touring encourages positive social interactions.
 - Cyclists can develop meaningful social connections.
-

2

Original:

It's really exciting to see animals and flowers.

Formal Version:

Travellers can enjoy observing wildlife and natural scenery.

Alternative Answers:

- Cycle touring allows people to appreciate nature.
 - The journey provides opportunities to experience the natural world.
-

3

Original:

You find out you're stronger than you thought.

Formal Version:

Travellers often discover personal strengths and build confidence.

Alternative Answers:

- The experience promotes personal growth.
 - Cyclists develop confidence through overcoming challenges.
-

Practice 3: Paraphrasing

1

Original:

welcoming locals

Possible Answers:

- friendly residents
 - hospitable people
 - local communities
 - friendly local people
-

2

Original:

flowers and animals

Possible Answers:

- wildlife and scenery
- the natural environment
- nature

- plants and wildlife
-

3

Original:

other cyclists who help you along the way

Possible Answers:

- support from fellow cyclists
 - assistance from other travellers
 - helpful cyclists
 - encouragement from others
-

4

Original:

capable of so much more than we thought possible

Possible Answers:

- discovering personal strengths
 - building confidence
 - exceeding expectations
 - realizing hidden abilities
-

Practice 4: Sentence Construction

Social Experiences

- welcoming locals
- helpful cyclists

Nature

- flowers
- wildlife

Sample Sentence:

Cycle touring allows travellers to meet friendly people while enjoying nature and observing wildlife.

Alternative Answers:

- Cyclists can develop social connections and appreciate natural scenery.
 - The journey combines social interaction with opportunities to experience nature.
-

Travel Experiences

- villages
- unusual meals

Personal Growth

- confidence
- discovering strengths

Sample Sentence:

Cycle touring offers unique cultural experiences while helping travellers build confidence and discover their strengths.

Alternative Answers:

- Travellers can explore local communities and develop greater self-confidence.
 - The experience combines personal growth with memorable travel opportunities.
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Practice 5: Building a Mini Summary

Sample High-Level Response (54 Words)

Cycle touring offers a variety of attractions. Travellers can meet friendly local people and receive support from fellow cyclists. The journey allows people to appreciate wildlife and natural scenery while exploring villages and experiencing local culture. In addition, overcoming challenges helps cyclists build confidence and discover personal strengths.

Sample Mid-Level Response (47 Words)

Cycle touring allows people to meet locals, enjoy nature and visit new places. Travellers can see wildlife, pass through villages and experience different cultures. The journey also helps people become more confident and discover what they are capable of achieving.

Reflection

What makes a strong summary sentence?

Sample Answers:

- It combines related ideas.
 - It uses formal language.
 - It is concise.
 - It focuses on the main ideas.
 - It avoids unnecessary details.
 - It uses the writer's own words.
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Exit Ticket

Notes:

- confidence
- discovering strengths
- overcoming challenges

Sample Sentence:

Overcoming challenges during cycle touring helps travellers develop confidence and discover their strengths.

Alternative Answers:

- The experience promotes personal growth by encouraging individuals to overcome challenges.
 - Cyclists often gain confidence as they learn more about their abilities.
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Teacher Notes

At this stage, students should be demonstrating three key summary-writing skills:

Level 1

Converts notes into accurate sentences.

Example:

Notes:

- wildlife
- flowers

Sentence:

“Travellers can enjoy wildlife and flowers.”

Level 2

Combines notes into broader ideas.

Example:

Notes:

- wildlife
- flowers

Sentence:

“Travellers can appreciate nature and scenery.”

Level 3

Synthesizes multiple categories.

Example:

Notes:

- friendly locals
- wildlife
- confidence

Sentence:

“Cycle touring allows travellers to develop social connections, enjoy nature, and build confidence.”

A student is ready for Module 6 when they can consistently:

- ✓ combine multiple notes into one sentence
- ✓ use formal summary language

- ✓ paraphrase effectively
- ✓ avoid copying directly from the source text
- ✓ write concise summary sentences

Module 6 will move from individual summary sentences to a complete 100–120 word IGCSE-style summary.



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Module 6: ANSWER KEY

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Summary Writing Module 6

Answer Key

Step 3: Sentence Building

Sentence 1

Cycle touring offers opportunities to explore new places and experience unique adventures.

Sentence 2

Travellers can also meet friendly local people and receive support from other cyclists.

Sentence 3

The journey allows cyclists to appreciate wildlife, scenery, and the natural environment.

Sentence 4

In addition, cycle touring helps people build confidence and discover their personal strengths.

Step 4: Draft Summary

Sample High-Level Draft (95 Words)

Cycle touring offers a variety of attractions. Travellers can explore new places, pass through villages, and enjoy unique cultural experiences. The journey provides opportunities to meet friendly local people, engage in meaningful conversations, and receive support from other cyclists. It also allows travellers to appreciate nature by observing wildlife and enjoying scenery that might otherwise go unnoticed. Furthermore, cycle touring encourages personal growth by helping individuals overcome challenges, develop confidence, and discover their strengths. These experiences combine to make cycle touring a rewarding and memorable form of travel.

Word Count: 89

Self-Assessment Checklist

Content

- ✓ Only attractions included
 - ✓ Information selected from throughout the passage
 - ✓ Irrelevant details removed
 - ✓ Similar ideas combined
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Writing

- ✓ Own words used
 - ✓ Complete sentences used
 - ✓ Formal language maintained
 - ✓ Concise style
 - ✓ Under 120 words
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Challenge Task

Original Version (89 Words)

Cycle touring offers a variety of attractions. Travellers can explore new places, pass through villages, and enjoy unique cultural experiences. The journey provides opportunities to meet friendly local people, engage in meaningful conversations, and receive support from other cyclists. It also allows travellers to appreciate nature by observing wildlife and enjoying scenery that might otherwise go unnoticed. Furthermore, cycle touring encourages personal growth by helping individuals overcome challenges, develop confidence, and discover their strengths. These experiences combine to make cycle touring a rewarding and memorable form of travel.

Improved Version (72 Words)

Cycle touring allows travellers to explore new places and experience local culture. They can meet friendly people, receive support from fellow cyclists, and enjoy meaningful social interactions. The journey also provides opportunities to appreciate wildlife and natural scenery. In addition, overcoming challenges helps cyclists develop confidence and discover their strengths. Together, these experiences make cycle touring a rewarding and memorable way to travel.

Word Count: 72

Final Assessment

Sample Level 5 Reading / Level 3 Writing Response

Cycle touring offers many attractions. Travellers can explore new places, experience local culture, and enjoy unique adventures. It provides opportunities to meet friendly local people and receive support from other cyclists. The journey also allows travellers to appreciate wildlife and natural scenery that might otherwise be missed. Furthermore, cycle touring promotes personal growth by helping individuals overcome challenges, build confidence, and recognize their strengths. These benefits combine to make cycle touring a rewarding and memorable travel experience.

Word Count: 79

Alternative High-Level Response

Cycle touring provides opportunities to explore villages, experience local culture, and enjoy memorable adventures. Travellers can meet welcoming people, engage in interesting conversations, and receive assistance from fellow cyclists. The journey also allows individuals to appreciate wildlife and natural scenery. In addition, overcoming challenges helps cyclists gain confidence and discover personal strengths. These social, cultural, and personal benefits make cycle touring an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Word Count: 72

Reflection

Which part of summary writing do you find most difficult?

Possible student responses:

- Identifying relevant information because I sometimes include too many details.
 - Paraphrasing because I worry about changing the meaning.
 - Staying within the word limit because I write too much.
 - Grouping ideas because I am unsure which details belong together.
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Teacher Notes

Content Points Identified in the Passage

Students may include the following ideas:

1. Opportunity to see the world.
 2. Enjoy peaceful and memorable travel experiences.
 3. Visit forests and beaches.
 4. Meet friendly local people.
 5. Have meaningful conversations.
 6. Receive support from other cyclists.
 7. Discover personal strengths.
 8. Build confidence.
 9. Experience excitement and adventure.
 10. Observe wildlife and scenery.
 11. Visit villages.
 12. Experience local culture.
 13. Enjoy unique food experiences.
-

Common Errors

Error 1: Including Disadvantages

Examples:

X broken bicycles

X loneliness

X rain

X bandits

X boredom

These should NOT appear because the question asks only for attractions.

Error 2: Copying

Original:

“We discover that we’re capable of so much more than we ever thought possible.”

Weak Summary:

“We discover that we’re capable of so much more than we ever thought possible.”

Better Summary:

“Travellers develop confidence and discover their strengths.”

Error 3: Listing

Weak:

“Villages, meals, locals, cyclists, flowers and animals.”

Better:

“Travellers can experience local culture, meet friendly people, and appreciate nature.”

Success Criteria for Mastery

By the end of Module 6, students should be able to:

- ✓ identify the focus of a summary question
- ✓ select relevant information
- ✓ distinguish main ideas from details
- ✓ create concise notes
- ✓ group information logically
- ✓ paraphrase effectively
- ✓ combine ideas into summary sentences
- ✓ write a complete selective summary of 80–120 words
- ✓ avoid copying

✓ remain focused on the question throughout