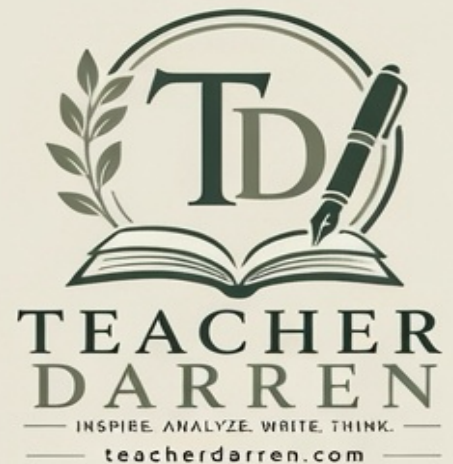


The Carter English Curriculum™

Reading • Writing • Thinking

Grade 9 – Cambridge IGCSE English Language (0500)



Summary Writing

Module 5: From Notes to Summary Sentences

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From Notes to Summary Sentences

Learning Objective

Students will transform summary notes into clear, concise summary sentences using their own words.

The Next Step

By now, you can:

- ✓ identify the focus of a question
- ✓ distinguish main ideas from details
- ✓ create summary notes
- ✓ organize notes into categories

Now it is time to begin writing.

A Common Mistake

Many students think summary writing means turning every note into a separate sentence.

Example:

- meet friendly locals
- receive help from cyclists
- build confidence
- enjoy wildlife

Weak Summary:

People meet friendly locals. They receive help from cyclists. They build confidence. They enjoy wildlife.

Although this is accurate, it sounds repetitive and simplistic.

Strong summary writers combine ideas.

Combining Notes into Sentences

Example

Notes:

- welcoming locals
- helpful cyclists

Weak Summary Sentence:

Cyclists meet welcoming locals. Cyclists also meet helpful cyclists.

Better Summary Sentence:

Cycle touring provides opportunities to meet friendly and supportive people.

Notice:

- ✓ shorter
- ✓ smoother
- ✓ combines ideas
- ✓ sounds more formal

Practice 1: Combining Notes

Use the notes to write ONE summary sentence.

Example 1

Notes:

- flowers
- wildlife
- forests
- beaches

Summary Sentence:

Example 2

Notes:

- confidence
- discovering strengths
- overcoming challenges

Summary Sentence:

Example 3

Notes:

- villages
- unusual meals
- local culture

Summary Sentence:

Building Formal Summary Sentences

Summary writing should sound formal.

Avoid:

X “You get to see cool animals.”

X “It’s really fun.”

X “You’ll have an awesome time.”

Use:

✓ “Travellers can observe wildlife.”

✓ “The journey offers memorable experiences.”

✓ “Cyclists gain confidence through overcoming challenges.”

Practice 2: Improving Informal Language

Rewrite the following sentences using a more formal style.

1

You get to meet lots of nice people.

Formal Version:

2

It’s really exciting to see animals and flowers.

Formal Version:

3

You find out you’re stronger than you thought.

Formal Version:

Avoiding Copying

Cambridge rewards candidates who use their own words.

Look at this example.

Original Text:

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

Copied Version:

People discover they are capable of more than they thought possible.

This is too close to the original.

Better Version:

Cycle touring helps travellers develop confidence and recognize their strengths.

Practice 3: Paraphrasing

Rewrite the following ideas using your own words.

1

Original:

welcoming locals

Your Version:

2

Original:

flowers and animals

Your Version:

3

Original:

other cyclists who help you along the way

Your Version:

4

Original:

capable of so much more than we thought possible

Your Version:

Building a Summary Paragraph

Strong summaries combine several categories into one paragraph.

Example Plan:

Social Experiences

- friendly locals
- helpful cyclists

Nature

- wildlife
- scenery

Personal Growth

- confidence
- discover strengths

Weak Summary:

People meet locals. People meet cyclists. People see wildlife. People see scenery. People gain confidence.

Better Summary:

Cycle touring provides opportunities to meet friendly and supportive people, appreciate nature, and develop confidence through overcoming challenges.

Practice 4: Sentence Construction

Use the notes below.

Social Experiences

- welcoming locals
- helpful cyclists

Nature

- flowers
- wildlife

Write ONE summary sentence.

Travel Experiences

- villages
- unusual meals

Personal Growth

- confidence
- discovering strengths

Write ONE summary sentence.

Practice 5: Building a Mini Summary

Use the categories below to write a 40–60 word summary.

Social Experiences

- welcoming locals
- helpful cyclists

Nature

- flowers
- wildlife

Travel Experiences

- villages
- unusual meals

Personal Growth

- confidence
- discovering strengths

Summary:

Reflection

What makes a strong summary sentence?

Exit Ticket

Turn these notes into one summary sentence.

- confidence
- discovering strengths
- overcoming challenges

Sentence:

Success Criteria

I can:

- ✓ combine notes into sentences
- ✓ use formal language
- ✓ paraphrase information

- ✓ avoid copying from the text
- ✓ write concise summary sentences
- ✓ connect ideas smoothly