

Summarizing

Review 2

How To **Summarize**

1. **Read** the text.
2. Don't let big words scare you.
3. Ask, "**What was this text about?**"

Your Answer...

- **Should** be a complete sentence or two
- **Should** cover **main point** and **key ideas**
- **Should** be in your own words
- **Shouldn't** just be a word or two

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When one hears the term “reality” applied to a television show, one might expect that the events occurred naturally or, at the least, were not scripted, but this is not always the case. Many reality shows occur in unreal environments, like rented mansions occupied by film crews. These living environments do not reflect what most people understand to be “reality.” Worse, there have been accusations that events not captured on film were later restaged by producers. Worse still, some involved in the production of “reality” television claim that the participants were urged to act out story lines premeditated by producers. With such accusations floating around, it’s no wonder many people take reality TV to be about as real as the sitcom.

Example Response 1

This is about how reality shows are real and some are staged.

+ Covers the main idea

- Does not cover key points

Example Response 2

This is about how reality TV is fake because they are filmed in unreal environments.

- + Covers the main idea
- + Covers a key point
- Misses two other key points

Example Response 3

This passage was mainly about how reality applies to television and claims that the participants were pushed to act out the story lines. But people understand that even reality television sometimes doesn't reflect reality.

- + **Covers the main idea and a key idea**
- **Has opinions / background knowledge**
- **Misses other key ideas**

Example Response 4

This passage was mainly about unreal environments and television. It claims that the participants were urged to act out story lines and about reality TV.

- + **Covers two key ideas**
- **Does not cover the main idea clearly**
- **Uses too much text from the passage**

Example Response 5

This passage is about how supposed reality shows are actually fake because of unreal locations, scripts, and fake scenes.

- + **Covers the main idea**
- + **Covers all key ideas**
- + **Is in the author's own words**
- + **Does not include opinions or background information**