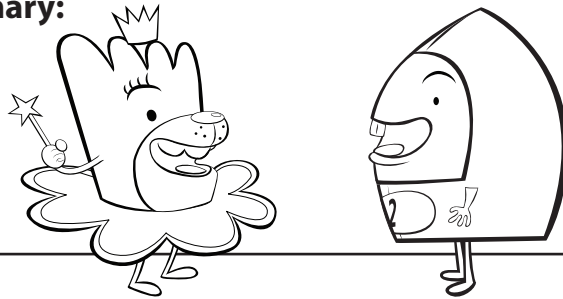


Fiction Summaries: Somebody - Wanted - But - So - Then

A summary is a “short and sweet” recount of a story. Use this strategy to remember to include the important parts of a fiction summary:

- ★ Somebody - Main Character
- ★ Wanted - Goal
- ★ But - Problem
- ★ So - Major Event
- ★ Then - Resolution



Directions: Read the short texts below and use the graphic organizers to create a summary of each text.

a) Carrie was listening to the new headphones she had gotten for her birthday and looking forward to her visit with her dad when she heard the faint sound of an announcement. The flight attendant said, “The captain has turned on the fasten seat belt sign.” She was already buckled in her seat, but she looked around and saw other passengers looking for their seat belts. Suddenly, the plane began to shake and she heard a loud cry from a few rows behind her. The flight attendant, who was previously walking slowly through the aisle to check seat belts, quickly walked to her seat. She noticed her buckle up and hold on tightly. A wave of fear came over Carrie as she grabbed the armrest. As quickly as the turbulence began, it was over.

Somebody	Carrie
Wanted	wanted to listen to music,
But	but there was turbulence on the flight,
So	so Carrie and the other passengers buckled and held on.
Then	Then, the turbulence ended.

b) Del and his friends went hiking. They set up their camp in an open clearing in the woods. The boys set up their tents and immediately went to gather wood to make a campfire. Del, Artie, and John walked through the trees to gather the wood that was on the ground. The sun began to go down behind the trees and Del realized he had forgotten his flashlight in his backpack. The boys hurried so they could find enough wood quickly and make it back to camp before dark. With arms full of firewood, the boys jogged back to the clearing and set the wood down next to the firepit.

Somebody	Del and his friends
Wanted	wanted to find firewood,
But	but it was getting dark and they forgot a flashlight,
So	so the boys searched for and found the wood quickly.
Then	Then, Del and his friends returned to camp before dark.