

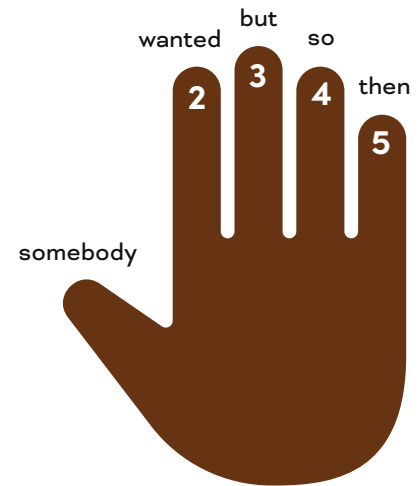
Summary High Five

A **summary** is a short description of what the text is about.

To write a good fiction summary, think about the story elements and sequence of events.

There are five important words to remember:

1. **Somebody:** Who is the main character?
2. **Wanted:** What did the main character want?
3. **But:** What was the problem?
4. **So:** What did the character do to try to solve the problem?
5. **Then:** What was the resolution?



Directions: Read the text below. Then complete the prompts that follow.

My day started out great. I woke up to the sound of the birds chirping outside. I knew my grandma was making pancakes for breakfast. The delicious smell drifted into my bedroom.

We went to the beach near my grandma's house. The sun shone brightly. Grandma promised that I could get some ice cream from the snack bar. I really worked up an appetite for that ice cream after I swam in the water, built four sandcastles, and buried my friend's legs in the sand.

Grandma gave me the money. I went to get my treat. As soon as I got back to the blanket where we sat, I ate my ice cream cone. Then it happened. The ice cream began to melt at a lightning speed and before I knew it, my ice cream was splattered in the sand.

Grandma noticed my frown and immediately came over to give me a hug. She made me laugh and suggested that we go down to the water to play. I was only sad for a minute, and then I realized how grateful I was to be at the beach. I didn't let my ice cream disaster ruin the whole day!

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