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Remember: Ask questions **before, during and after** reading and use fix-up strategies when meaning breaks down. Tell **key details** from minor ones and look for the **topic sentence**. Back up every inference with **evidence**. Summaries are short, in order, in your own words and free of opinion.

A. Choose the correct answer

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Inference: *Ms Kaur is a strict teacher.* Which is the BEST evidence?

- (a) Ms Kaur reads stories to the class.
- (b) Ms Kaur teaches Room 12.
- (c) Ms Kaur gave a detention to anyone who was even a minute late.
- (d) Ms Kaur drinks tea at morning tea.

2. *The bus was late. It started to rain. Then Hemi realised he had left his lunch at home. It was not a good start to the day.* Which sentence states the main idea?

- (a) It was not a good start to the day.
- (b) The bus was late.
- (c) It started to rain.
- (d) Then Hemi realised he had left his lunch at home.

3. Which is the best question to ask BEFORE reading an article called *How Kākāpō Were Saved from Extinction*?

- (a) What does 'extinction' mean in paragraph 4?
- (b) Did the ending surprise me?
- (c) Was the article convincing?
- (d) What did people do to save the kākāpō?

4. Which would be the best topic sentence for a paragraph with these details: *bring warm layers; pack a first-aid kit; tell someone your plans*?

- (a) My family went tramping last summer.
- (b) Tramping is fun.
- (c) First-aid kits have plasters in them.
- (d) There are several ways to stay safe on a tramp.



5. *Kauri dieback is a disease that kills kauri trees. It is spread by tiny spores in soil, which stick to shoes and equipment. To stop it spreading, many tracks have been closed, and walkers must clean their shoes at special stations.* Which is the best summary?

(a) Kauri dieback is a soil-borne disease killing kauri, so tracks are closed and walkers must clean their shoes.

(b) Kauri dieback is terrible, and people who don't clean their shoes are selfish.

(c) Kauri dieback spreads by tiny spores in soil that stick to shoes.

(d) Some tracks have been closed.

B. Write the answer

6. *Jayden checked the time, then sprinted the last 200 metres to the gate as it began to close. In one word, how is Jayden feeling?*

7. *Pāua, kina and mussels are all gathered from the rocks at low tide. In one word, what are these all examples of?*

C. Find it in the sentence

Underline the part of the sentence the question asks for.

8. Underline the two words that tell you an explanation is coming.

Pumice is a volcanic rock that floats, which means it is light enough to sit on top of water.

9. Underline the minor detail that should be cut from this summary sentence.

The ship, which had been painted only last spring, sank in heavy seas off the coast of Kaikōura.

10. Underline the word that hints that Jack is lying.

"I definitely didn't touch your phone," said Jack, avoiding his sister's eyes.

11. Underline the word that is closest in meaning to 'arid'.

The arid land was dry and cracked because it had not rained for months.



D. Sort them

12. A report about the school's new recycling system. Sort each sentence. Write the letters in the right box.

a) Our school has started a three-bin recycling system. **b)** Bins are labelled for food scraps, recycling and rubbish. **c)** Students on the enviro team check the bins each day. **d)** Waste going to landfill has dropped by half. **e)** The bins are bright green. **f)** I think it is the best idea ever.

Main idea	Supporting detail	Leave out

E. Match them up

13. Match each list to an umbrella word. Draw a line or write the letter.

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| 1. pipi, tuatua, mussels and oysters | ● | ● | a) shellfish |
| 2. anger, joy, fear and sadness | ● | ● | b) instruments |
| 3. rimu, tōtara, kahikatea and kauri | ● | ● | c) trees |
| 4. violin, guitar, drums and piano | ● | ● | d) emotions |

F. Write it

Write your answer in full sentences. Use the checklist.

14. Summarise in ONE sentence (no more than 25 words): *Matariki became a public holiday in New Zealand in 2022. It celebrates the Māori New Year, which begins when the Matariki star cluster rises in midwinter. People gather to remember those who have died, celebrate the present and plan for the future. Many communities hold events such as dawn ceremonies, hāngī and light shows.*

Check: ☐ No more than 25 words ☐ Just one sentence ☐ Mentions the public holiday ☐ Says what Matariki is about ☐ Ends with a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark

15. Write a topic sentence for a paragraph with these details: *the library has beanbags; there are new graphic novels; a reading club meets on Fridays.*

Check: ☐ Names the topic (the library) ☐ 5-25 words ☐ Just one sentence ☐ Each sentence starts with a capital letter ☐ Ends with a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark



16. *The fridge was nearly empty, the power bill sat unopened on the bench, and Mum had picked up extra night shifts.* What can you infer about the family's situation? Give evidence.

Check: ☐ Makes an inference (they are short of money) ☐ Gives evidence from the text ☐ Each sentence starts with a capital letter ☐ Ends with a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark



1. (c) Ms Kaur gave a detention to anyone who was even a minute late.
2. (a) It was not a good start to the day.
3. (d) What did people do to save the kākāpō?
4. (d) There are several ways to stay safe on a tramp.
5. (a) Kauri dieback is a soil-borne disease killing kauri, so tracks are closed and walkers must clean their shoes.
6. rushed / panicked
7. kaimoana / seafood
8. which means
9. which had been painted only last spring
10. avoiding
11. dry
12. Main idea: a; Supporting detail: b, c, d; Leave out: e, f
13. 1-a, 2-d, 3-c, 4-b
14. Matariki, the Māori New Year, became a public holiday in 2022 and is a time to remember, celebrate and plan.
15. Our school library is a great place to spend lunchtime.
16. I think the family is short of money because the fridge is nearly empty and Mum is working extra shifts.