



Subject: Grade 8 English: Home Language

Topic: Summary Skills

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This text refers to question: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

HOW TO RAISE LOVING KIDS

Your summary must not exceed 70 words. Provide your summary in paragraph format.

1. You probably do it. If your children are preteens or older, they surely do it, too: take endless “selfies” to document life’s moments, however inconsequential. We all fuss with filters to display an enhanced version of reality, and then post these curated shots to an array of social networks, chasing after new followers and “likes” for positive affirmation. Is this growing level of navel gazing and indirect exchange promoting a rise in narcissism and loss of empathy in our culture, especially among younger generations? Are children losing their sense of compassion and community? More importantly, how do you combat narcissism and instill empathy in your children?

2. In an age of texting, children fail to recognise facial cues and voice intonation. Therefore, you must develop emotional literacy within them: take back the family meal; put down the cellphone and talk. If you behave kindly, kindness becomes a habit. Practice kindness in front of your children, so that can take that example and make it a habit.

3. Research suggests a staggering 58% rise in self-centred thoughts, aspirations, and actions among children across demographics during the past three decades, has resulted in a 40% decrease in empathetic behaviour.

4. Children who learn moral courage become future leaders. It can be very daunting, but teach your children to take a stand and advocate for what they believe. Find uplifting stories and read them to children before bed to fill them with the wonder of the world. This will ensure that you are developing a child who wants to make a difference in the world.

5. Team players are collaborators and problem-solvers when conflict arises. Society can be so competitive, and thus it is very important to teach your children conflict resolution. Read books to your children which contain moral dilemmas and teach empathy. Introduce literary fiction, such as *Charlotte’s Web*, to do this. Seeing things from another person’s perspective is a great teaching tool. Make sure that your child remains focused on others and different perspectives to ensure empathy.

6. The ‘selfie syndrome’ is not entirely about photo-taking and social networks. It refers to a shift in our overall culture to hyper-individualism, a change first noted around 2000. We’ve become more competitive and self-focused with the rise of reality television; even musical lyrics that once said ‘Two hearts beat as one’ now say ‘I this,’ and ‘I that.’ Children used to want to grow up and become something, do something. Now they simply want to be ‘rich and famous’.

Adapted from an article By Lauren Paige Kennedy.



Question 1: Text Input

3 marks

Refer to the article.

The 5th paragraph contains ... relevant points.

Provide only the number.

Question 2: Text Input

3 marks

Refer to the article.

The second paragraph contains ... relevant points.

Provide only the number as your answer.

Question 3: Text Input

3 marks

Refer to the article.

The first paragraph contains ... relevant points.

Provide only the number as your answer.

Question 4: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Refer to the article.

Why should one introduce literary fiction, such as *Charlotte's Web*, to children?

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| A | It is a classic. |
| B | It teaches empathy. |
| C | It will keep them quiet. |
| D | All of the above. |
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Question 5: Text Input

3 marks

Refer to the article.

The third paragraph contains ... relevant points.

Provide only the number.

Question 6: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Refer to the article.

Anything over ... words will not be marked.

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| A | 80 |
| B | 60 |
| C | 90 |
| D | 70 |
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This text refers to question: 7

Effects of chocolate

[By:Cheryl Carlin]

1. Chocolate is sold in chocolate bars, which come in dark chocolate, milk chocolate and white chocolate varieties. Some bars that are mostly chocolate have other ingredients blended into the chocolate, such as nuts, raisins or crisped rice.
2. A 100g serving of milk chocolate contains carbohydrates, fat and protein. It is an excellent source of vitamin B, zinc, calcium, magnesium and iron. Although chocolate has become one of the most popular food types and flavours in the world, it also has various affects on humans. Chocolate may be a factor for heartburn in some people because one of its constituents may affect a muscle that permits stomach acids to enter the esophagus. This reaction happens more frequently in domestic animals than humans. A daily intake of 50 - 100g of cocoa by humans has been associated with sweating, trembling and severe headache.
3. Chocolate and cocoa contain moderate to high amounts of oxalate, which may increase someone's risk for kidney stones. During cultivation and production, chocolate may absorb the heavy metal lead from the environment. Reports from 2014 indicate that chocolate might be a significant source of lead ingestion for children if consumption is high.
4. A few studies have shown allergic reactions from chocolate in children. Other research has shown that dark chocolate can aggravate acne in men who are prone to it. Research has also shown that consuming dark chocolate does not substantially affect blood pressure. Chocolate and cocoa are continuously under research to determine if consumption affects the risk of certain heart diseases.
5. Excessive consumption of large quantities of any energy-rich food, such as chocolate, without an increase in activity, can cause weight gain and possibly lead to obesity. Chocolate is high in cocoa butter, a fat, and during the manufacturing process, other fats, sugars and milk are added, all of which increases the calorie content of chocolate, which leads to weight gain.

Question 7: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Refer to the article.

A summary must always be presented as (1) facts. This summary must provide the (2) of chocolate.

Possible Answers: 6 | 7 | definitions | effects

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This text refers to question: 8

Staying safe while travelling with Uber

Provide 7 ways to stay safe with Uber.

1. To help keep uber passengers safe, we vet Uber driver-partners and build our technology with safety in mind. However, there are also things that you as a passenger can do to stay safe. Before you request a ride, think about where you are headed and review the safety features in the app so you know how to use them.

2. People love to wait outside for their uber to arrive. Avoid spending unnecessary time outside alone with your phone in your hand. Instead, wait indoors until the app shows your driver has arrived. You are an easy target outside.

3. After you have requested an uber and you are waiting, before you get into the car, check that the license plate, driver photo, and driver name all match what's listed in the app. Uber rides can only be requested through the app, so never get into a car with a driver who claims to be with Uber and offers a ride.

4. If you're uberating alone, sit in the backseat. This ensures you can safely exit on either side of the vehicle to avoid moving traffic, and it gives you and your driver some personal space. It does mean that you are more protected.

5. Just because you are a passenger in the backseat do not forget to wear your seatbelt. The Centres for Disease Control reports that seatbelt use is the most effective way to save lives and reduce injuries related to car accidents. You do not know if your Uber driver is the best driver.

6. You are a passenger requesting to uber to a specific location. While en route, tap "share status" in the app to share your driver's name, photo, license plate, and location with a friend or family member. They can track your trip and see your ETA without downloading the Uber app.

7. There is no need to share your phone number or other contact information with your driver. If a passenger and driver need to contact each other, the Uber app automatically anonymises both phone numbers to protect everyone's privacy. Uber is the new way to travel when your parents are unable to fetch you. Although the Uber app has their safety measures, you need to be UberWise.

(Adapted from: <https://www.uber.com/info/rider-safety-tips/>)

Question 8: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Refer to the article.

The 5th and 6th relevant facts are (1) and (2) .

Answer in the order that the points appear in the article.

Possible Answers: before you get into the car, check that the license plate, driver photo, and driver name all match what's listed in the app | while en route, tap "share status" in the app | do not forget to wear your seatbelt | use your initiative

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This image refers to question: 9

I just need
the main ideas



Question 9: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

A summary can be presented in both (1) and (2) format.

Answer in alphabetical order.

Possible Answers: essay | point | paragraph | transactional

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This image refers to question: 10



Question 10: True/False

2 marks

Contractions are encouraged in summaries.

TRUE

FALSE

Total: 34 Marks