**Summarizing an Article: What is a good summary?**

A good summary has only the main points of an article or a passage. It does NOT include details. Avoid copying the text.

1. Preparation
   1. Read and highlight/underline the main points.
   2. Take notes and organize your ideas.
2. Writing
   1. Main idea should be in the topic sentence.
   2. Use of reporting verbs

report, argue, state, suggest, recommend, explain, discuss

1. Rubric

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|  | Points |  |
| Content | 4 | Coverage of all the main points  Clear and logical summary |
| 3 | Coverage of most important points  Mostly clear and logical summary  Minor unclear points |
| 2 | Referral to limited information  Some unclear points |
| 1 | Very few information  Inaccurate and unclear points |
| Paraphrase | 4 | Effective use of different sentence structures and words from the original passage  More than 80% of the summary sentences are paraphrased |
| 3 | Some effective use of different  sentences/words  Approximately 60% of the summary sentences are paraphrased |
| 2 | Limited Use of paraphrased sentence/words  Approximately 40% of the summary are paraphrased. |
| 1 | Copy of the original sentences/words.  Less than 20% are paraphrased. |

**Exercises of Summary Writing: Sentence Structure and Word Choice**

〇 This article reports that the employment of the last month has been ….

〇 According to the environment office, CO2 emission is

× The manager said, “ I can’t deny that the negative influence.” (Use of direct speech)

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× ……. The Japanese prime minister had a meeting with Mr. Trump and … (Who is the Japanese prime minister?)

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**[Practice]** Summarize the following news in a 60~70 word paragraph. You should organize your ideas first and try to use your own sentence structures and expressions.

A ceremony was held at Tokyo Disneyland on Sunday to celebrate its 35th anniversary. Toshio Kagami, the chairman of park operator Oriental Land, said plans are underway to expand the popular amusement park, which is located in the city of Urayasu, near Tokyo. A total of 720 million people over the years have visited Tokyo Disneyland and nearby Tokyo DisneySea, which opened in 2001.

Many fans hope the expansion will ease congestion at Tokyo Disneyland. Oriental Land executive Ryoichi Miyauchi said the scale and timeline of the expansion haven't been set. Many visitors took pictures of decorations at the park to mark the occasion. One woman in her 20s said she works hard every day so she can visit Tokyo Disneyland. She said she hopes it will become even more fun after the expansion.

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