

Writing Summaries

Four Steps for Writing a Summary Paragraph

Step 1: Write a summary topic sentence using the three-part IVF topic sentence (the burrito fold).

Identify the Item.	Select a Verb.	Finish Your Thought.
<p>In <u>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</u>, a girl named Minli</p>	<p>learns</p>	<p>that caring for others brings good luck.</p>

Step 2: Copy the sentence so it looks like a real sentence. Fix spelling and capitalization mistakes.

In Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, a girl named Minli learns that caring for others brings good luck.

Step 3: Create a fact outline.

- Minli
- Poor village
- Old Man of the Moon
- A dragon who can't fly
- Pearl on dragon's head
- Rich village

Step 4: Use your fact outline to write the summary paragraph.