

Using Basic Signal Words to Summarize Text

The Basic Signal Words below can be used to help kids summarize what they've read. You can read more about how to use these, visit our post, [Helping Kids Summarize Using Basic Signal Words](#).

The Basic Signal Words Include:

Who? - Who or what is the text about?

(Did) What? - Subject of the sentence
(usually not a person);
could be an action of the person

When? - the time or date

Where? - the location

How? - the reason or rationale behind the did what

Why? - the process or procedure to accomplish the goal

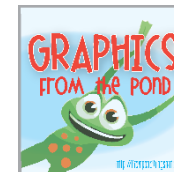
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Who?

What?
(Did)

When?

Where?

How?

Why?

Who?

What? ^(Did)

When?

Where?

How?

Why?