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✨ Grade 8 English — Summarising ✨

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1. Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A trial pairing new apprentices with recently qualified tradespeople, rather than senior staff, found apprentices asked more questions and reported feeling less intimidated during training." 2) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A trial banning phones during recess at two high schools led to more students reporting face-to-face conversations and fewer bullying complaints, but a handful of parents said they felt less able to reach their children in emergencies."

2. Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A trial loaning e-readers preloaded with textbooks to students from low-income families found those students completed slightly more assigned reading than their peers, though several teachers noted the devices required more technical support than expected."

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Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A council trial replaced plastic shopping bags with a small fee on all bags at supermarkets. Bag use fell by over half within the first month, though some shoppers complained about the added cost at checkout." 2) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A hospital introduced a buddy system pairing new nurses with experienced staff for their first three months. Staff turnover among new nurses fell sharply, and exit surveys showed the main complaint before the change had been a lack of support, not workload."

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "Coral bleaching events on the reef have become more frequent as ocean temperatures rise. While some coral species show early signs of adapting to warmer water, scientists warn that current warming rates may outpace the reef's ability to recover between events." 2) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "The council's new recycling scheme requires households to sort waste into four separate bins: organic, paper, plastic, and general. Early data suggests contamination rates have dropped by 30%, though some residents complain about the extra effort and the cost of new bins." 3) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "After the factory closed, unemployment in the town rose sharply, and several local shops shut within the year. The council responded with retraining grants and tax breaks for new businesses, and two years later, three small tech firms had moved in, though wages remained lower than before the closure."

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A council program offering rebates for rainwater tanks saw uptake triple after the rebate doubled, though officials note the busiest suburbs for uptake were already the wealthiest." 2) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A hospital introduced a buddy system pairing new nurses with experienced staff for their first three months. Staff turnover among new nurses fell sharply, and exit surveys showed the main complaint before the change had been a lack of support, not workload." 3) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A regional theatre's trial of audio description for vision-impaired patrons led to a sharp rise in bookings from that community, though extra staff training added to running costs."

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Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A regional airport trialled biometric check-in for a year, scanning passengers' faces instead of checking paper boarding passes. Average check-in times fell by nearly two-thirds, though privacy advocates raised concerns about how the facial data was stored and used." 2) Summarise this passage in one concise sentence, without adding your own opinion: "A pilot program offering free breakfast at three primary schools found attendance rose and late arrivals fell within the first term, though the program's ongoing cost has not yet been secured beyond this year."

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