

ECHOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTINUITY ASSIGNMENT

ACADEMIC HELP LINE: Open Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30

WEEK 7

GRADE 7

SUBJECT English

I CAN read the passage and summarize the text.

ACTIVITY:

Grammar: complete the grammar activity

Reading: Read the passage "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart" and answer the questions provided.

RESOURCES/WEBSITES/DIRECTIONS TO ACCESS:

Optional reading practice { Step 1: log into clever
Step 2: click edute app
Step 3: take a quiz

Other helpful apps to explore
on clever: Grammaropolis
Vocabulary

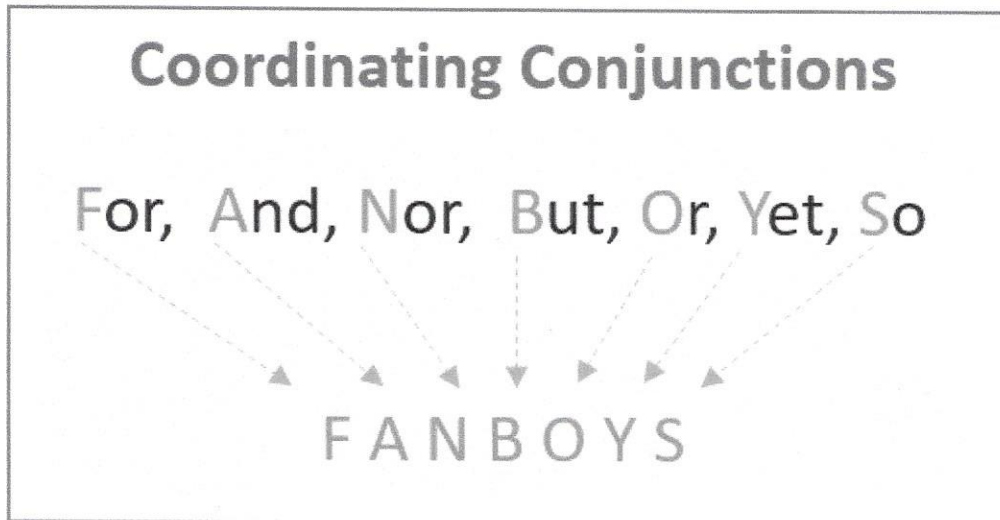
↳ There are 7
total quizzes,
take them at
your own
pace!

ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT (NO TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED):

None

Week Seven

- A **coordinating conjunction** connects **grammatical** words or phrases of equal rank.



- An independent clause is a clause that can stand by itself as a simple sentence.

Week Seven**Write these sentences correctly.**

1. that there roller coaster was the excitingest ride I has ever bin on
- _____
- _____

2. as her freind borded the bus she waved good bye sadly.
- _____
- _____

Circle the coordinating conjunctions in this sentence.

3. Carmen and I like computer games, but Andy doesn't.

Circle the best word or words to complete this sentence.

4. This book is a lot _____ than the last one I read.

interesting

most interesting

interestinger

more interesting

Circle the antecedent of the underlined pronoun.

5. The judge and jury were already in their seats.

Write these sentences correctly.

1. I need to lay down and rest for a few minutes mark said and then I be ready to leave.
- _____
- _____

2. Japanese forces attacked pearl harbor Hawaii at the beginning of World war II.
- _____
- _____

Circle the subject of this sentence.

3. Rent a movie to watch after dinner tonight.

we

they

she

you

Underline the independent clause in each sentence.

4. Wendy is going to fail Spanish unless she starts studying more.

5. While you wash the dishes, I'm going to do the laundry.

Name _____

Summarizing is giving the main ideas and facts without using many words. We need to link the important ideas and decide which are the main points.

Activity: Read the passage below and complete pages 72–74.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

1. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was a famous composer of classical music and is considered to be one of the greatest musical geniuses of all time. Although he died at the age of 35, he wrote more than 600 musical compositions.
2. Mozart was born on January 27, 1756, in Salzburg, Austria. His father, Leopold, was well known throughout Europe as a music teacher, and he was also a successful composer. Around the age of three, Mozart learned to play the harpsichord (a keyboard instrument that preceded the piano), showing an amazing musical talent. His father also taught him to play the violin and the organ. Mozart wrote his first two compositions when he was just six years old.
3. When Mozart turned seven, his father decided to take him and his sister, Nannerl, on a tour of the royal courts of Europe to show off their musical abilities. Nannerl was a talented harpsichord player, although she did not show the same genius for music as her brother. The children played all over Europe until Mozart was in his late teens, making Leopold a large sum of money and building Mozart's reputation as a musician. During these tours, Mozart met not only kings and queens but also many famous musicians and composers, learning a great deal more about music and composing. Mozart was also busy writing music. He composed his first symphony at the age of eight and his first opera at the age of 12! He composed other works for orchestras as well as pieces for the harpsichord, violin, and other instruments, many of which were performed publicly.
4. In 1769 (at age 13), Mozart began working for the archbishop of Salzburg as the "concertmaster" of the Salzburg Court Orchestra. He did not get along well with the archbishop, and the two often argued. Part of the reason for this was because Mozart was away from Salzburg on tour so often. Mozart eventually left this position (most people agree he was probably dismissed by the archbishop) in 1781.
5. In 1782, now living in Vienna, Mozart married Constanze Weber against his father's wishes. The couple would later have six children, but only two would reach adulthood. Mozart now earned a living as a freelance musician—he sold his compositions, performed, and worked as a music teacher. He earned what was regarded as a good income for a musician; however, he spent his money unwisely and often had to borrow from his friends to support his family.
6. Mozart died in Vienna on December 5, 1791 from an unknown illness. He was buried in an unmarked grave as was the custom of the time for many funerals and burials. Mozart's music remains popular with musicians and music lovers around the world and includes the *Jupiter Symphony* and the operas *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Don Giovanni*, and *The Magic Flute*.



Name _____

Follow the steps below and learn how to identify the main points and summarize text.

- Make sure you understand the question and underline keywords.
- Look for information in the text, and decide what is important and how it is connected.
- Omit any unnecessary or unconnected information.
- Always check all possible answers before making a decision.

1. Which sentence would best be left out of a summary about Mozart's childhood?

- (a) He was born in Salzburg, Austria.
- (b) At a young age, he was already a very talented musician and composer.
- (c) He composed his first opera at the age of 12.
- (d) He married against his father's wishes.

2. Choose the best answer. Think about each choice carefully.

- (a) Where Mozart was born is an important fact and should be in the summary. This is not the best answer.
- (b) The fact that Mozart was talented at such an early age is an important statement and should be included. This is not best the answer.
- (c) The age Mozart composed his first opera should also be in the summary. This is not the best answer.
- (d) This fact is about Mozart when he was an adult and should not be in the summary of his childhood. This is the best answer.

1. Which sentence best summarizes why Mozart's sister, Nannerl, did not achieve the same extraordinary fame as her brother?

- (a) She had no musical abilities.
- (b) Her father was not interested in her musical performances.
- (c) She was not as musically gifted as her brother.
- (d) She was able to play only the harpsichord.

2. Choose the best answer. Think about each choice carefully.

- (a) Nannerl was a talented harpsichord player, so this is not the best answer.
- (b) Their father took both children on tour to display their musical talent. This is not the best answer.
- (c) The text states that she did not show the musical genius of her brother. This is so far the best answer, but remember to read all the choices first.
- (d) Nannerl could play only the harpsichord, but it does not explain why she didn't achieve similar fame like her brother. This is not the best answer.

Name _____

Use the strategies you learned to practice summarizing. Use the clues in the "Think!" boxes to help you.

1. Which phrase best summarizes Mozart's relationship with the archbishop of Salzburg?

- (a) short and peaceful
- (b) short and indifferent
- (c) long and harmonious
- (d) long and hostile

Think!

Find the text that relates to this part of Mozart's life and read it carefully.

2. Which sentence best summarizes why Mozart was buried in an unmarked grave?

- (a) It was all he could afford.
- (b) It was all his father would pay for.
- (c) Marked gravestones weren't popular at the time.
- (d) No one wanted Mozart's fans to know where he was buried.

Think!

Read paragraph 6 carefully to help you choose an answer to this question.

3. Create a list to summarize Mozart's well-known music compositions.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Think!

Read paragraph 6, and underline the important facts.

4. Write a sentence that summarizes how Mozart's musical abilities were first discovered.

Think!

Paragraph 2 will help you find the information. Only include the important facts.

5. Write a short paragraph that summarizes Mozart's life after 1782.

Think!

Find the section of the text that relates to this question, and underline the important facts for your summary.

Name _____

Use the strategies you have been practicing to help you summarize text.

1. Which sentence would best be left out of a summary about Mozart's childhood?
 - (a) At eight years old, he composed his first symphony.
 - (b) Mozart performed for kings and queens across Europe.
 - (c) He taught music to support his family.
 - (d) He toured Europe with his father and sister.
2. Which sentence best summarizes why Mozart was forced to borrow money from his friends?
 - (a) The cost of living was extremely high in the 1780s.
 - (b) Mozart's family was extremely careless with money.
 - (c) Mozart's earned little as a music teacher.
 - (d) Mozart lacked judgment when it came to his finances.
3. Write a sentence to summarize the reasons why Mozart was no longer the concertmaster of the Salzburg Court Orchestra as of 1781.

4. Choose facts from the text you would use to summarize why Mozart is considered to be one of the greatest musical geniuses of all time.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

5. Write a summary explaining how Mozart's father influenced, or tried to influence, his son's life.
