

Four-Step Summary Paragraph

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

Identify the Item.	Select a Verb.	Finish Your Thought.
<i>The Reader's Digest</i> article "Adventures of a Country Doctor"	<i>explains</i>	<i>how Dr. Richard Paris provides medical help to people in remote areas of Idaho.</i>

Step 2 Copy the sentence to look like a real sentence. Edit to fix spelling and capitalization errors.

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Step 3 Create a fact outline. Make a short outline or list of the facts you will include in the summary.

- *Hailey, Idaho*
- *variety of patients*
- *patients of all ages*
- *improving health care*
- *medical students*
- *future plans*

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