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Ten-Word Tales Answer Key

Passage 1 - The Garden Surprise

- Maya grew tomatoes after weeks of watering and care. (9 words)

Passage 2 - The School Bus

- Jordan and Noah rode the bus to school together. (9 words)

Passage 3 - The Lost Kitten

- Rosa found and adopted a stray kitten named Shadow. (9 words)

Teacher's Guide & Notes

- **Purpose:** This activity combines **fluency practice** with **concise summarizing**, training students to capture the **main idea** in very few words.
- **Implementation:**
 1. Students read aloud in one minute.
 2. They immediately write a 10-word (or fewer) summary.
 3. Emphasize that summaries should capture the **main idea**, not every detail.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For younger or struggling readers: allow 12-15 words at first, then shorten.
 - For advanced readers: challenge them to create **exactly 10 words** (no more, no less).
- **Extension Idea:** Have students share their summaries aloud, then vote on which is the **most concise and accurate**.
- **Fluency Tip:** Reading fluently helps memory. Students who read smoothly recall main ideas more easily.