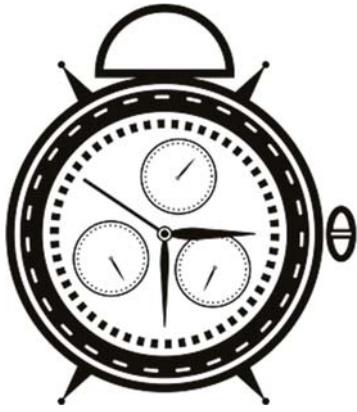


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Workshop Secrets

Directions: Read the passage carefully. A **summary** is a shortened version of the text that includes only the most important ideas: the main characters, the setting, the key events, and the outcome. Do **not** include small details or your own opinions. After reading, write a clear and concise summary of the story in 3-4 sentences.

The Secret in the Workshop

Marisol loved to tinker in her father's workshop, though she was told never to touch the locked drawer in the workbench. One rainy afternoon, curiosity won out, and she found a hidden key taped under the bench. Her hands shook as she unlocked the drawer and discovered a collection of half-finished inventions—strange contraptions of gears, wires, and glowing stones.

As she examined them, she realized one device was a tiny clock that ticked backward instead of forward. The moment she touched it, the workshop lights flickered, and she saw shadows moving in reverse. Startled, Marisol quickly put the device back and locked the drawer again.

When her father entered, he gave her a knowing smile, as though he had expected her discovery all along. Though she said nothing, Marisol understood that the workshop held mysteries she was not yet ready to explore.

Activity: Summarization Practice

1. In 3-4 sentences, write a concise summary of the story. Be sure to include only the main points.
2. Why is it important to leave out small details when summarizing?
3. Which part of the story do you think is most important to include in a summary? Why?