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Urban Garden Skim Answer Key

Sample Summary Sentence:

Rooftop gardens in major cities help make urban areas greener, cooler, and more sustainable by providing plants, food, and clean air.

Teacher Notes / Guide

Purpose: This worksheet strengthens students' ability to **skim and summarize**, key components of reading fluency and comprehension. By condensing ideas into one strong sentence, students learn to separate **essential information** from extra details.

Implementation Tips:

- Set a **time limit of 2-3 minutes** for students to skim the passage before writing.
- Encourage them to **look for repeated ideas** (e.g., "gardens," "cities," "green") to identify the topic.
- After writing, have students read their summary aloud in pairs, emphasizing clarity and tone.

Extension Ideas:

- Challenge students to rewrite their summary in **10 words or fewer**.
- Have them create a **title** that captures the essence of the passage.
- Use the passage as a springboard for a discussion on **urban sustainability** or **environmental innovation**.