

Name _____

Summary Check-Up

Directions: Read the short passage below. What follows are two different summaries of it. Use the checklist provided to decide if each summary is **Strong** or **Needs Work**.

The Bird Feeder

Emma set up a bird feeder in her backyard. She filled it with seeds and waited by the window. Soon, blue jays and sparrows arrived to eat. Emma enjoyed watching the birds every afternoon after school.



Summary A:

Emma put a bird feeder in her yard. Birds came to eat, and she liked watching them.

Summary B:

Emma filled the feeder with seeds and stood by the window waiting. The feeder was shaped like a little house, and the birds looked so cute as they hopped around.

Checklist	Write your decision:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does it include the main idea?• Does it focus on important details only?• Does it leave out unnecessary details?• Is it short and clear?	<p>Summary A:</p> <p>Summary B:</p>

Challenge: Rewrite the summary that needs work so that it meets the checklist.