

Name _____

Single Sentence Summary Answer Key

Key Details:

- **Who:** Jordan
- **What happened:** Forgot to finish his homework and admitted it to the teacher
- **Why it mattered:** He had to complete it after school before soccer practice

Model One-Sentence Summary:

Jordan forgot to finish his math homework, so he promised to stay after school to complete it before heading to soccer practice.

Teacher Notes

- Stress that students should **not include every detail** (e.g., adventure books or embarrassment can be left out if they clutter the summary).
- Help students identify the **core problem and solution**—that’s usually what belongs in the summary.
- For struggling learners, provide sentence starters like: *“This story is about ___ who ___ because ___.”*
- Extension: Challenge advanced students to shrink the story into a **five-word summary** for extra practice in condensing ideas.