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## Summary or Retell

- A **retell** is when you share everything that happened in the story, including small details.
- A **summary** is when you shrink the story into only the **big ideas**: the important characters, problem, and solution. Good readers can tell the difference!

**Directions:** Read the short story below. What follows are six sentences about the story. Read each one. Then decide if it is a **Summary** (S) or a **Retell** (R). Write **S** or **R** next to each sentence.

### The Lost Puppy

Sofia found a small puppy outside her house one rainy afternoon. She gave it food, dried its fur with a towel, and made a cozy spot in a box. The next day, she hung signs around the neighborhood. Soon, the puppy's owner arrived and thanked Sofia for taking care of it.

Below are six sentences about Sofia finding a puppy, caring for it, and returning it to its owner.

1. Sofia put the puppy in a box and made it cozy. \_\_\_\_\_
2. A girl discovered a lost puppy and helped it find its home. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sofia dried the puppy's fur with a towel. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The puppy's owner arrived the next day. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The story is about a girl who found a lost puppy and helped it return home.  
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**Challenge Question:** Why is it important to write summaries instead of retells when sharing what you've read?