

Precision Gist Answer Key

Sample 20-Word Summary: Community volunteers transformed an abandoned lot into a thriving garden, using teamwork and planning to provide food and neighborhood pride.

Teacher's Guide

- This activity strengthens **selective summarizing** by forcing students to weigh importance against wording.
- Have students underline **essential ideas** in the passage before drafting their summaries.
- For differentiation, allow struggling students to first write a longer summary, then trim it down to twenty words.
- For engagement, display several student summaries and have the class verify the word count together.
- For extension, challenge students to rewrite their summary in **fifteen words** without losing the central meaning.
- Emphasize that strong GIST summaries focus on **main ideas, not details**.