

Objective Summary Answer Key

Sample Objective Summary: The school board extended lunch periods by ten minutes for middle school students. Teachers had differing responses to the change. After one week, administrators reported fewer students arrived late to class after lunch.

Teacher's Guide

- This activity teaches students to distinguish between **fact and opinion**, a core skill in objective summarizing.
- Review examples of **emotional and opinion based language** before students begin.
- For differentiation, allow some students to highlight opinion words in one color and facts in another before writing.
- Pair students to compare summaries and check for **neutral tone**.
- For engagement, let students vote on whether a sample sentence sounds objective or subjective.
- For extension, have students convert their objective summary back into a **persuasive paragraph** and compare the differences.