Summarising

Practice page

Use similar strategies to those on page 59 to practise summarising. (Clues are given to help you.)

1. Which sentence best summarises why the men were able to survive underground for the first five days?
   (a) They had each other for company.
   (b) They only had minor injuries.
   (c) They could see with their headlamps.
   (d) They could move the rocks.

   The best answer is ____________.

2. Which sentence best summarises why the rescuers stopped using explosives and started drilling to free the miners?
   (a) Explosives were too expensive.
   (b) The explosives were too noisy.
   (c) Drilling was safer.
   (d) Drilling was more accurate.

   The best answer is ____________.

3. Use short phrases to make a summary of what happened between 27 April and 30 April.

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4. (a) Write a sentence that summarises the efforts of the men who rescued the trapped miners.

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4. (b) Write a sentence that summarises your opinion of the rescuers.

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On your own

Think about the strategies you have been using and work out these answers.

1. Which sentence could you leave out of a summary explaining how the men were rescued?
   (a) The rescuers used large explosives to create a new tunnel.
   (b) Cameras that detect heat found the two men in the rubble.
   (c) Rescuers drilled at a rate of 40 centimetres an hour.
   (d) Hundreds of journalists waited to film the men once they reached the surface.

   The best answer is ____________.

2. Which sentence best summarises why Todd and Brant wrote goodbye letters to their families on their clothes?
   (a) They missed their family.
   (b) They had no paper to write on.
   (c) They believed they may never see their family again.
   (d) They wanted to tell their family about the accident.

   The best answer is ____________.

3. Which two words do you think best summarises the people who rescued Brant and Todd from the mine?
   (a) Friendly and determined.
   (b) Determined and brave.
   (c) Cautious and stubborn.
   (d) Stubborn and friendly.

   The best answer is ____________.

4. Summarise the events that took place on each of these dates.

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