Writing Summaries Video 3 - Step 3

TEACHER

Hi! Welcome to Step 3 of the *Writing Summaries* strategy.

Step 3 is: Complete the sentences...

In this step you will write a complete sentence for each "sentence starter" on your list.

Use the information in your notes to finish each sentence. Remember, your outline has all the information you need to turn the sentence starters into complete sentences.

Ok, let's try it!

Go to the first "sentence starter." The main characters are... Now finish the sentence by writing about the main characters in the story.

STUDENT

OK, here are my notes and my list of sentence starters. Now I need to complete the first sentence. The main characters are...

Well I see up in my outline that Mami and the four sisters were the main characters, so I think I'll write about them in this sentence. OK, to complete this sentence I'll say, "The main characters are Mami and the four sisters."

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Great! Now do the same thing for the next prompt – The story is about... Use information from your notes to complete this sentence.

STUDENT

OK, here's the next sentence starter – The story is about...

Let's see what information I have in my outline.

Oh right! I remember what the story was about. Now I'll finish the sentence from the prompt. "The story is about fitting in in a new culture and adjusting to American ideas of beauty."

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Great! When you've written a sentence for each of the sentence starters using information in your outline, you've completed the third step of the *Writing Summaries* strategy: Complete the sentences!

Now you're ready to move on to Step 4 of the *Writing Summaries* strategy – Rearrange and review!