

Summary

A **summary** tells the important ideas and information in an article, or it tells what happens in a story.

Summary—Penguin Chick, pages 158–161

Writer repeats only the important details about the mother’s journey.

The mother penguin **slides** and pushes herself across the ice. She finally gets to the water and dives in. She finds fish and other seafood.

Meanwhile shows that two or more events happen at about the same time.

Meanwhile, the penguin fathers **huddle** together. Each father keeps his egg at his feet. He keeps the egg there even when he walks, and he sleeps standing up. After two months, the penguin chick **pecks** its way out of the egg. The father warms the baby in his brood patch. He talks to the baby with trumpet calls, and the chick whistles back.

Strong verbs *slides*, *huddle*, and *pecks* make the summary clear and vivid.