

# 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.