# L03: Writing task: summary

*“Writing is easy. All you have to do is cross out the wrong words.”*
*(Mark Twain)*

This session addresses your ability to summarize, paraphrase and quote since these are crucial academic writing skills, which help you use secondary literature and studies effectively to support your own findings. In addition, knowing how to summarize and paraphrase are especially important in order to avoid plagiarism. Here you have a chance to practice.

## Things we cover in this session

- The differences between summaries, paraphrases and quotations
- How to write a summary
- Write a summary of a text

## Things you need for this session

- W03-1: Pre-writing information
- W03-2: Writing Task

## Things to take home from this session

At the end of this session you should be able to

- differentiate between a summary, a paraphrase and a quotation
- write a concise and convincing summary
- understand the main characteristics of academic English
- identify your own writing challenges

## Hungry Minds

### How to write a summary of a journal article

Read this WikiHow on how to summarize a journal article, it is easy to follow and to understand. Use the advice that you find helpful for your own writing strategies.

 Summarize the article energy in Africa: Energy Reports. Write 1-2 pages and send your work as a word document to:

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