

<i>900 exercises in vocational communication</i>	<b>Notes for teachers</b>	<b>D 2 / 34</b>
<i>General aim</i>	<b>D: COMPOSE A WRITTEN MESSAGE</b>	
<i>Level of difficulty</i>	<b>2</b>	
<i>Intermediate aim</i>	<b>3 Write a message</b>	
<i>Operational aim</i>	<b>3 Sum up a text.</b>	
<i>Pre-requirements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding of the content and structure of a text.</li> <li>- Ability to write simple and complex sentences.</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of exercises</i>	<b>4</b>	
<i>Summing-up exercise</i>	<b>D2 / 34 – 1.5</b>	
<i>Comments</i>	<b>See also C2/31 and D3/33</b>	

*Tulips from Amsterdam?*



The tulip is a member of the lily family. Contrary to what most people think, tulips do not come from Holland at all.

Tulips actually come from central Asia. The name "Tuliband" means turban in Turkish, because the flower resembles a turban. From Turkey, tulips arrived in Vienna in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. A gardener in the Imperial court in Vienna, Charles de l'Ecluse, was then appointed to the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. He took with him his favourite flower.

Tulips soon became fashionable plants and spread successfully throughout Europe. Today, there are about 150 different kinds of tulip and over 80 % of tulips are grown by the Dutch.

How do you sum up a text?

First you find the most important points in the original text. Then you bring them together to create a new text that is shorter but that contains all the main ideas.

*You can mark the most important points in the text itself.*

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Summary:

Tulips do not come from Holland but from Turkey. The tulip flower resembles a turban, and that is why the Turkish name for tulip is "Tuliband". In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, tulips arrived in the Netherlands from Austria. Today, 80% of tulips are grown in the Netherlands.

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		<b>Eval.:</b>

Sum up the following text.

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Of thirst, you might think. But no! They can drown.*



*In the desert, it hardly ever rains. But when it rains... it really rains! Huge quantities of water fall very suddenly. This water quickly fills the holes in the sand. It moves forward like a huge torrent. It sweeps away everything in its path.*

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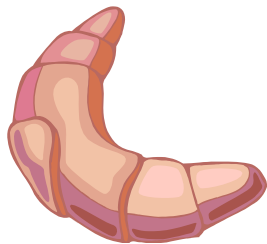
The text shows us that in the desert there is a risk of drowning.

It rains very rarely in the desert. But when it does rain, it's a downpour. Careless tourists have no chance of escaping the huge quantities of water, and they drown.

<i>900 exercises in vocational communication</i>	<b>Exercise</b>	<b>D2 / 34 - 1.3</b>
		<b>Eval.:</b>

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To be able to break into the city, the Turks dug a tunnel under the city.

At night, the Viennese bakers heard the noise made by the digging of the tunnel. They alerted the soldiers who stopped the Turkish advance.

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### Summary:

*The first croissants were created in Vienna in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.*

*This small pastry in the shape of a crescent moon reminds us of the attempted attack on Vienna by the Turks.*

*The Viennese bakers heard the Turks who were digging tunnels to enter the city and they alerted the soldiers.*

<i>900 exercises in vocational communication</i>	<b>Exercise</b>	<b>D2 / 34 - 1.4</b>
		<b>Eval.:</b>

Think of a film that you particularly enjoyed.  
Sum up this film in ten sentences maximum.  
The action must be easily understood by someone who has not seen the film.



**Your summary:**

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**SHOW YOUR WORK TO THE TEACHER**



Sum up the following text.

### *Modern-day elves...*

*In every hotel there are chambermaids and bellboys.*



Bellboy? What is that?

My name is Jason, I'm a bellboy and I work in a tourist hotel.

*We don't just make sure the rooms are tidy and the bathrooms are clean. Part of our work consists in keeping the corridors in order, and all the other areas accessible to the public. We have to be everywhere and solve any problems quickly. And so that we do not bother the guests, we must not be seen nor heard. Sometimes we also help serve meals.*

*Part time work is the norm in this job. We often work in tourist hotels, which have seasonal clients.*

*One of our chambermaids showed me what to do, and explained my work. There is no official training for this job.*

### **Summary:**

Jason has a part time job as a bellboy. His job involves different services. He works reliably and discreetly for the welfare of the guests.

There is no training to be a bellboy, but you learn on the job.