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Tom's Midnight Garden

Summarising Information

L.O. Identify the main points in a text and summarise them.

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BEWARE! Mother is writing to Aunt Gwen to say that you can come home at the end of the week and this time you really are to. I think Mother will say that you must come because I miss you so much but I don't want you to come away. I like all you write in your letters. Tell me some more. I wish I were there but Mother and Father say no.

I wish we had trees and a river near and a high wall. I wish I were there.

'Yours, Pete.'

Tom sighed; he would have liked to bring Peter, if only for a little, to the reach of his wishes.

Activity 1: Underline or highlight the most important words in this text.

Activity 2: Turn this page over and write about what you have been reading – without peeking!

Activity 3: Compare what you have written to the person sitting next to you. How are they different/similar?

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TIP - This should be no more than about 20 words.

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L.O. Put the main ideas into your own words.

Think about the 'Tom's Midnight Garden' story you have read so far.

What is the story about?

Who are the characters?

What is the magical place?

How does Tom get there?

What adventures does he have?