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Important Events

The hardest part of writing a summary of an article is pinpointing the really important information—the facts that are key to understanding the main point of the story. The truth is that sometimes the most fun and interesting pieces of information are not always needed to understand the larger picture. In this activity, you will think about the important events in "The Man-Eaters of Tsavo" and figure out which events belong in your summary.

Directions: In the space below, summarize "The Man-Eaters of Tsavo." Make sure you recognize the difference between the big events and the surrounding details.

1. Write a list of the important events in "The Man-Eaters of Tsavo." Use one sentence for each main action.

2. Look over your list and make sure that every action you have written is important. Cross off any event that is not needed to tell the story, even if it seems really interesting to you.

3. Using your notes from above, write a short summary of "The Man-Eaters of Tsavo" on a separate piece of paper. Remember to make sure that each event you choose to include is important.

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