



English Communications
READING AND SUMMARIZING
ACADEMIC ARTICLES



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What Is an Academic Article?

An academic article is a scholarly piece of writing published in journals, written by experts or researchers, and based on evidence and analysis.

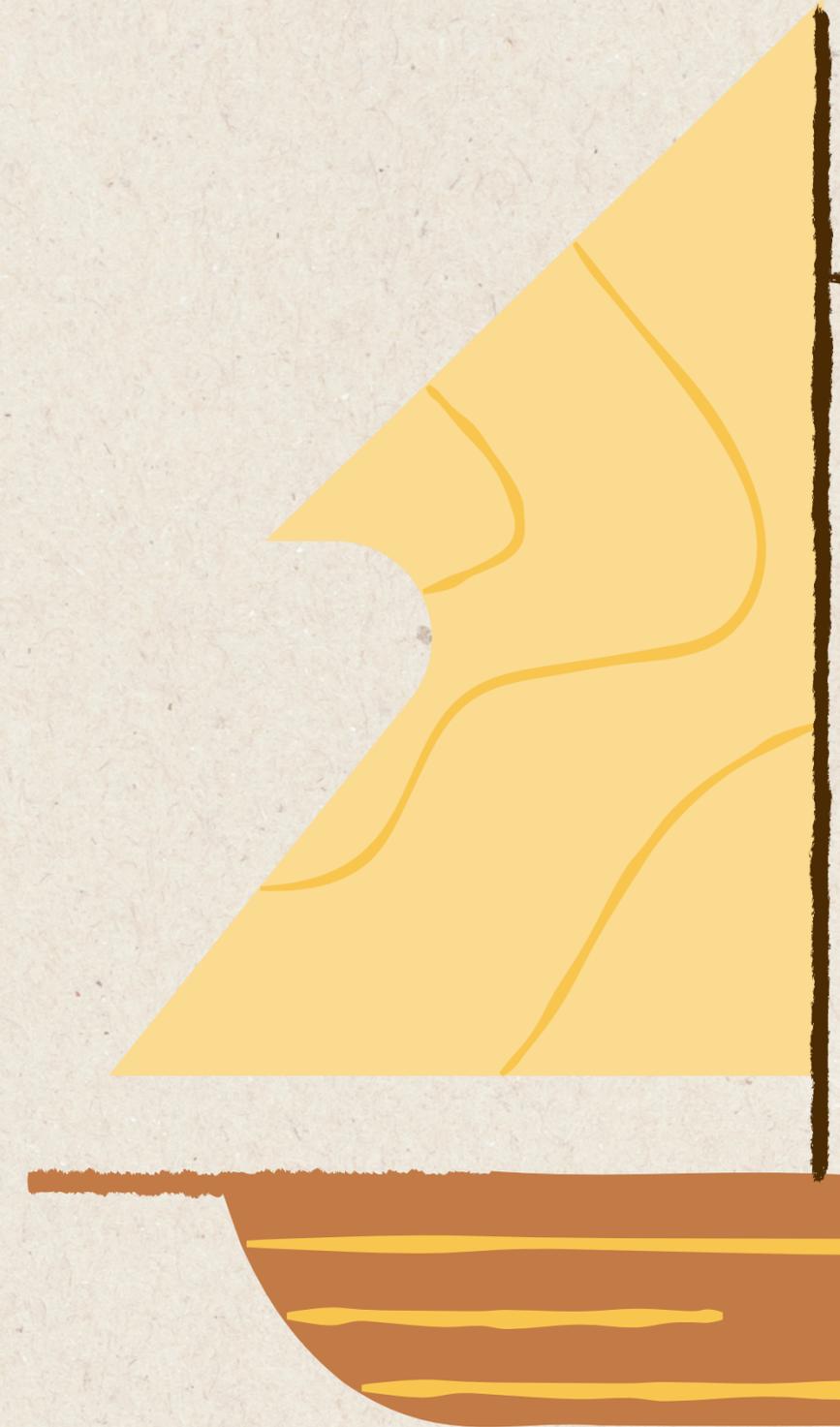
Common Characteristics:

- Written formally and objectively.
- Contains sections such as Abstract, Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion.
- Includes citations and references.
- Focuses on explaining, analyzing, or evaluating a research topic.



Structure of an Academic Article

Section	Purpose	Guiding Questions
Abstract	Brief summary of the whole study	What is this article about?
Introduction	Background, purpose, and research question	Why was this research done?
Method	How the research was conducted	How was the data collected or analyzed?
Results	Data and findings	What was discovered?
Discussion	Explanation of results	What do the results mean?
Conclusion	Final insights and implications	What can we conclude or apply?



Academic Reading Strategies

a. Skimming

Read quickly to get the general idea. Focus on:

- Title and abstract
- Headings and subheadings
- First and last sentences of each paragraph

b. Scanning

Read for specific information, such as:

- Dates, data, statistics, or keywords

c. Intensive Reading

Read carefully to understand details and argumentation:

- Identify the thesis statement
- Note the main arguments and evidence
- Observe how the author organizes ideas





Identifying Main Ideas and Supporting Details

Feature	Example
Main Idea	"Social media influences how young people form identities."
Supporting Detail	"According to a 2022 study, 75% of youth report online interaction shapes self-perception."

Tips:

- Main ideas are usually in topic sentences (beginning of paragraphs).
- Ask: What is the author mainly saying in this section?



How to Write a Summary



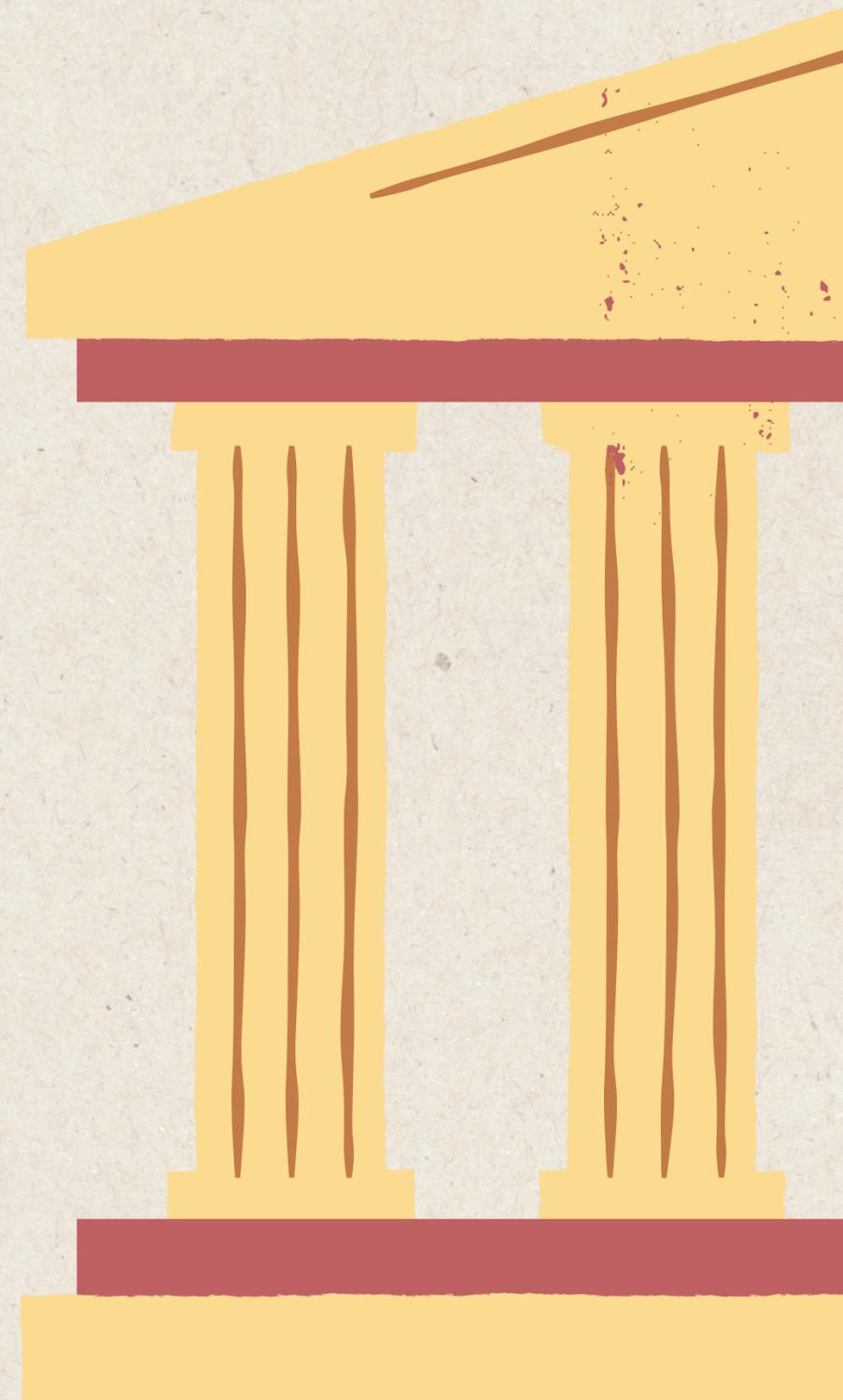
A summary is a concise restatement of the main ideas of a text, written in your own words.

 Steps for Summarizing an Academic Article

1. Read the article carefully.
 2. Highlight key sentences, terms, and findings.
 3. List main points for each section.
 4. Rewrite using your own words—no copying.
 5. Avoid personal opinions or examples not in the text.
 6. Check that your summary is clear and accurate.
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Language Tips for Academic Summaries

Purpose	Useful Phrases
Introducing the topic	"The article discusses..." / "This study examines..."
Explaining the author's view	"The author argues that..." / "According to the research..."
Stating findings	"The results show that..." / "The study reveals..."
Concluding	"In conclusion, the article emphasizes..."



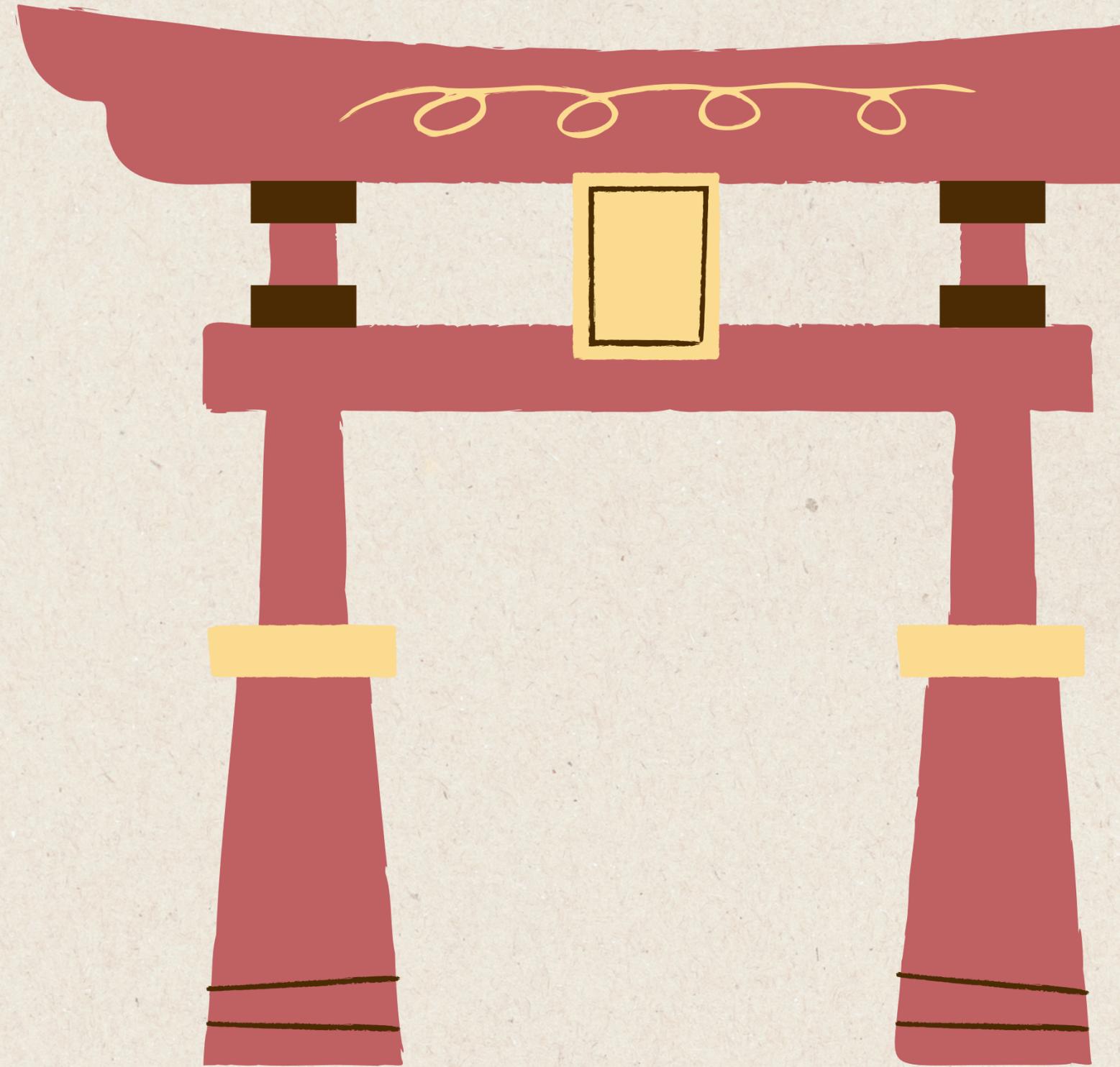
Example Summary

Original Passage:

“Online learning has become a significant part of modern education due to its flexibility and accessibility. However, the effectiveness of online education depends on students’ self-discipline and digital literacy.”

Summary:

The article highlights that online learning is popular because of its convenience, but its success relies on students’ self-control and technological skills.





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