Build an Objective Summary

Grades 7-8 | Informational reading | Advanced

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Write a two-sentence summary of each original passage. Include the central idea and essential details without opinions.

Researchers compared shaded and unshaded streets over four summer weeks. Shaded surfaces were consistently cooler, supporting plans for more urban trees.

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A school waste audit found many disposable bottles. After refill stations opened, bottle waste decreased during three monthly checks.

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Students tested water filters made from different materials. Layered gravel, sand, and cloth removed the most visible particles, but the water was not safe to drink.

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A community surveyed bus riders, adjusted two routes, and measured shorter average wait times afterward.

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Grown-up check: Answers vary; summaries should identify the investigation or action, key finding, and no personal opinion.

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