

Main ideas and point-form summaries

Read the sentences below, and then underline only the main ideas in each one. Leave out examples, opinions and supporting details. Once you have done that, rewrite the main ideas, using fewer words.

1. Crime statistics in South Africa, although reduced in a number of areas, are **still** unacceptably high.
2. The Soccer World Cup, which is a huge event attracting millions of viewers world-wide, was hosted by South Africa in 2010.
3. Fantasy films, such as the *Harry Potter* films or the *Twilight* films, have a huge following among teenage fans.
4. The poaching of rhino, although illegal, continues to be a serious problem in South Africa, with more than one rhino being killed every day.
5. The number of teenage pregnancies in schools, which continues to rise, is of concern to the Department of Education, as it interferes with the education of young girls and creates many other social problems.
6. Doctors have claimed for many years that laughter is indeed the best medicine as it releases chemicals in the brain that improve health.
7. Grade 8 learners often find the change from junior to senior school stressful, as they are used to being the oldest learners, and then suddenly, they become the youngest.
8. Although they do not like to be old-fashioned, many older people complain about modern music, as they find it loud and repetitive.