**Questions for ESL students to ask themselves as they summarize**

* Who are the main characters? What are their characteristics/ character traits?
* When and where did the story take place? What were the circumstances?
* What prompted the action in the story?
* How do the main characters react emotionally to what happens in the beginning of the story?
* What did the main characters decide to do? Did they set a goal? What was it?
* How did the main characters try to accomplish their goals?
* How does the story turn out? Did the main characters accomplish their goals?