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## Extra Writing Skills Practice

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### Writing a summary

A. Circle the letter of the best summary of each interview.

1.

**Interviewer:** What's the most touching ad you've ever seen?

**Evan Gleason, journalist:** There's a billboard for a phone company that I see every day on my way to work. It shows this elderly mother crying as she talks to her son on the phone. I'm not an emotional guy, but that ad chokes me up. It makes me think about my mom back in Los Angeles. Once in a while we all need to be reminded about the important things in life.

- a. The journalist states that he gets choked up when he thinks about his mother, who lives in Los Angeles.
- b. The journalist reports that an advertisement showing an elderly mother talking to her son reminds him of the importance of his family.

2.

**Interviewer:** What's the funniest ad you've ever seen?

**Mark Newcomb, engineer:** There's this one really funny TV commercial for a language school. This cat puts his head into a bowl with a goldfish swimming in it, but the fish barks like a dog and scares the cat away. Then the words "Learn another language" appear on the screen. It always cracks me up when I see it. I enjoy having my day brightened with a little laughter, even if it's just from an ad.

- a. The engineer says that he likes a funny commercial for a language school featuring a cat and a barking goldfish because laughter brightens his day.
- b. The engineer points out that he enjoys having his day brightened with a little laughter.

B. Now summarize what the lawyer says in your own words.

**Interviewer:** What's the most annoying ad you've ever seen?

**Judy Pullman, lawyer:** That would be the soap ad they keep playing on my favorite music station. There's this one line, "Wanna get clean? Get Bream clean!" It absolutely drives me crazy. It gets on my nerves to be forced to listen to a dumb ad over and over again when I'm just trying to listen to music.

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