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| 5.8 | What abstract? |
| **Briefing sheet** |

In this activity, you have been given a scientific article with the abstract removed.

What is the purpose of an abstract?

Read the article and then write an abstract in the space below. Remember an abstract should be short and succinct.

Swap your abstract with the person sitting next to you. Read each other’s abstracts and discuss whether you have captured what was in the article. Is it obvious what the research was about, and what the results were?

Note down any questions you have on each other’s abstracts, and take it in turn to ask these.