**84 sum up; sum something up**

**Study** Read these sentences carefully.
- To sum up, we need to put more money into the project.
- How would you sum up your experience in Kenya?
- She summed the situation up in a few words.
- He made several comments and I had to sum them up.
- The problems have been summed up by the inspector in her report.

**Check** Use the sentences in the Study box to help you do these exercises.

**MEANING**
If you *sum up, or sum something up*, which of these do you do?
- a You add several numbers together.
- b You give the main details of something in a short and clear way.
- c You stop talking.

**GRAMMAR**
Which of these are grammatically possible?
- a I’ll sum up the report.
- b I’ll sum the report up.
- c I’ll sum up it.
- d I’ll sum it up.
- e The report was summed up.

→ Now check your answers in the key.

**Practise**

1 Choose the correct form of *sum up* to fill the gaps in the sentences. You will not need to use them all.

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<td>b She ________________ what we had agreed so far.</td>
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<td>c Find the main points of the essay and ________________ in the conclusion.</td>
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2 Complete the speakers’ comments in a suitable way, using a form of *sum up* and any other words you need.

- a A news reporter is ending a report on a police investigation into an accident.
  To ________________, the police do not yet know ________________.
- b The college principal is finishing her report on the last year.
  Let me ________________, it’s been a good year for the college.
- c ‘What was the chairman’s message about the state of the company?’
  ‘Well, he ________________, it’s doing very well.’
- d ‘I didn’t see the programme on global warming last night. What did they say?’
  ‘Well, ________________, they said that the situation ________________.’

→ Now check your answers in the key.

**Build your vocabulary**

**RELATED WORDS**

**NOUN**: summing-up (This is a countable noun.)
- The judge completed his summing-up.

**SYNONYMS**

The verb summarize means the same as sum up:
- Can you summarize what was said at the meeting?

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