

# *Summary Writing*

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*What is this ?*

**Dandelions**



What does it make you think of?

What is the main idea of paragraph 1?

For years, humans have made war with the dandelion. Most people consider dandelions (蒲公英) annoying weeds. Dandelions have long been seen as annoying weeds. However, the idea will be ended. Usually pull them up by the roots, or use chemicals to kill the plants. But our war with the dandelion may soon be over.

Do you think the author is to introduce the good or bad points of dandelions?

*Work in pairs : try to predict what the author is to talk about dandelions and how to organize the idea.*

dandelions'  
benefits  
and reasons

1 Weeds are useful to----

2.----

3.----

How to remove  
dandelions easily

Be used for animals' food

Remove it with a new way

Be used in making medicine

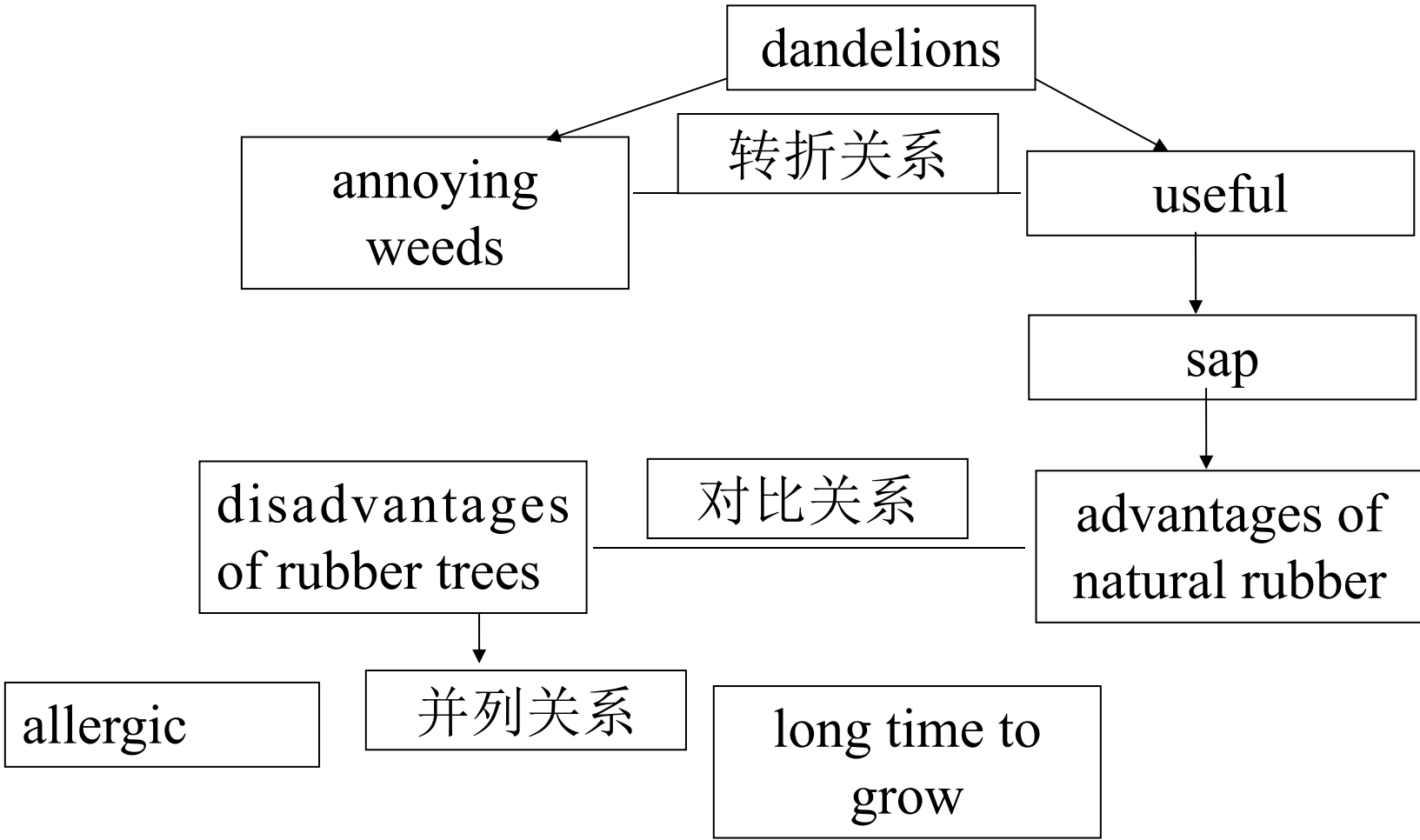
So what kind of words or phrases will you pay special attention to when reading?

Read to check how the author express his ideas.

Although considered weeds, it's no secret that dandelions have their uses. Young dandelions leaves make a delicious salad. Dandelion plants have a long, thin root called a taproot, which grows deep into the soil. The taproot creates tunnels in the soil, which allow water and air to mix in and keep soil healthy. Dandelion flowers also attract ladybugs, which can help kill small insect pests. However, most people still think of the dandelion as a simple weed. It's the sap ( 汁液 ), though, that just might change their minds.

what does “minds” refer to? What do you think will be talked about in the next paragraph?

Finish reading the next two passages and try to figure out how the author organize his idea and draw the mind map of the passage.



对比: Dandelion sap , a natural source of rubber, **has advantages over** rubber from rubber trees, the problem of which is that many people are allergic to it and replacing rubber trees takes a number of years.

are made from rubber that comes from the rubber trees. **BUT**

对比: Dandelion sap is a natural source of rubber, **which is better than** rubber from rubber trees, the problem of which is that many people are allergic to it and replacing rubber trees takes a number of years.

对比: **compared to** rubber from rubber trees, Dandelion sap is a natural source of rubber. Besides, many people are allergic to rubber from rubber trees , which also take a number of years to grow.

How to summarize this paragraph?

Try to summarize the main idea of the last paragraph

Compare the following two , which is better ? Why?

Scientists are starting to look at dandelion sap as a

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rubber. Still, scientists have some questions they need to answer. However, dandelion sap is easy to get and can't cause allergy. Although scientists are optimistic about its future, there is still a long way to go.

Finally end the war with this so-called weed. When we make peace with the dandelion, at long last, we'll be planting it, instead of pulling it!

Try to write a summary of the passage and try to check your writing with the following criteria:

- Does it focus on the main topic?
- Does it cover all the key points?
- Does it read logically and coherently?
- Does it contain the original sentences ?
- Is it brief enough?

Possible answer:

Dandelions have long been seen as annoying weeds.

(1) However, they are actually of some use. (2) Dandelion sap, a natural source of rubber, has advantages over rubber from rubber tree, the problem of which is that many people are allergic to it and replacing rubber trees takes a number of years. (3) Compared to traditional rubber, dandelion sap is easy to get and can't cause allergy. Although still a long way to go, scientists are optimistic about its future. (4)