

Précis 37: CSS 1986

2: Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title:

One of the fundamental facts about words is that the most useful ones in our language have many meanings; That is partly why they are so useful; they work overtime... Think of all the various things we mean by the word "foot" on different occasions: one of the lower extremities of all human body, a measure of verse, the ground about a tree, twelve inches, the floor in front of the stair. The same is true of nearly every common noun or verb.

Considering the number of ways of taking a particular word, the task of speaking clearly and being understood would seem pretty hopeless if it were not for another very important fact about language. Though a word may have many senses, these senses can be controlled, up to a point, by the context in which the word is used. When we find the word in a particular verbal setting, we can usually decide quite definitely which of the many senses of the word is relevant. If a poet says his verse has three feet, it doesn't occur to you that he could mean it's a yard long or is three legged (unless perhaps you are a critic planning to puncture the poet with a pun about his "lumping verse"). The context rules out these maverick senses quite decisively.

Précis:

The useful words in language...

Different words in language
have same context.

The words regularly
use in our language contain
similar context. The word "Foot"
is used in a different sense on
different occasion. Similarly, most
of the verbs and nouns are used.
A single word is spoken with
different pronunciation. It is
understand by the way of talking.
For instance, a poet says, his
poetry contain three legs. **It**
does not means legs. He is
talking about contents sound
and rhythm of words.

be careful about basic grammar
main idea is picked and discussed
over all content needs improvement
title is a bit long
need improvement 8/20

Precise word = 220
Total words = 71