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Unit 7 Skill Review: Summarizing and Reporting

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Malcolm Gladwell reports on and summarizes the work of other writers and researchers in the excerpt from his book *Blink*.

Look at the passages below. Decide whether Gladwell is neutral toward these writers or whether he agrees with them. Some examples of neutral reporting verbs are *argues*, *believes*, *explains*, *says (that)*. Some verbs that show the writer agrees are *acknowledges*, *realizes*, *discovers*.

Answer the questions below each passage.

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1. Circle the reporting verb above. Does Gladwell show neutrality or agreement?

_____.

2. Keep Gladwell's tone the same, but change the reporting verb that is used. Rewrite the new sentence below.

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Answer Key

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