

Summarizing Bookmark



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Summarizing helps you understand what you read. Summarizing means that you shorten what you read to the most important ideas. To summarize, focus on main ideas and important details.

- A **main idea** is the most important message of what you are reading. There can be more than one main idea in a text.
- **Important details** include information that supports the main ideas.

Write a summary about what you are reading on the back of this bookmark.

1. Read, or listen to a text read to you.
2. Think about the main ideas.
3. Think about the important details that support the main ideas.
4. Use the main ideas and important details to write the summary. You can look back at the text to help you remember.



**Use summarizing
with any book.**

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Title of Text:

Summary:

Books to Share

Suggested Books to Practice Summarizing

Take turns reading or listen to your child read. Stop after a chapter, if a long book, and ask your child to tell you the main ideas and important details to support the main ideas. You can do this at the end of a short book.

Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff, Paula Kahumbu
Goose and Duck by Jean Craighead George

Koala Lou by Mem Fox
The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle
Ice Cream by Elisha Cooper