Reading Strategy

Paragraph Shrinking

**WHAT:** Finding the main idea of a paragraph.

**WHEN**: For each paragraph you read, summarize it briefly.

**WHY**: To check whether you understood what you just read.

To use for studying or discussion.

**WHERE**: Writing directly on the reading or on separate paper.

**HOW**:

1. Name the who or what the paragraph is mostly about.
2. Tell the most important thing about the who or what.
3. Write a summary of 10 words or less, leaving out details.

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