

Sniffing the World – Part 1

RI.4.02 Summarize Informative Text

Good readers take time to summarize a text. Summarizing helps readers gain a better understanding of the reading. Summarizing is like retelling, but it is shorter and it is in your own words. In order to summarize, you will need: Your own words, important details in the text and the correct order of details. A summary does NOT include EVERY LAST DETAIL... only the most important details, it's like a simple map of the text. Good readers only include the necessary information, not every little piece.

Directions: THREE STEPS!!!

1. Read the article "Sniffing the World":
2. Read each detail from the text and sort it. If the detail is important record it under the "Important Detail" heading. If the detail is not important record it under the "Extra Detail" heading.
3. Number the important details in the order they appear in the article.

Dogs can smell really well because of the design of their noses.

A human has a nose that is okay, but not as powerful as a dog's nose.

Because of their good sniffers, some dogs can be trained to find people who are lost.

Dogs learn about their surroundings because of their good sense of smell.

Dogs have special structures that help figure out what they smell.

There's a strong connection between their nose and brain.

Dogs smell 10 times better than humans.

Dogs like to put their heads out of car windows.

Important Details (4)

Extra Details (4)