

# Sniffing the World – Part 2

RI4.02 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. Reread the article "Sniffing the World".
2. Highlight the 4 most important details from the text.
3. Use these details to write a complete sentence summary of the article. Remember to use your own words (paraphrase).

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