

## SUMMARIZING—Reading Skill of the Month

What is summarizing, anyway?

Well, here's our fancy educators' definition:

*Readers identify key elements and condense important information into their own words during and after reading to solidify meaning.*

But for your students, try this:

*Tell what's important.*

**Here are some links to activities to help your students learn to summarize:**

**Summary Ball**

**Paper Bag Reports**

**Artistic Summary**

**Fortune Teller**

**Reading Response Journal**

**Story Wheel**

**Somebody/Wanted/But/So**

These are quick activities, not long lessons. You can use most of them with any text, not just during reading time. These are great classroom tools; but remember, the point is the reading! Don't kill the enjoyment of reading with the exercises!

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