

Eng. 5.5h Summarizing Activity

This activity helps students by building in limits. So often when students summarize, it is difficult for them to select only the most relevant information to include in their summary. They tend to want to write too much and include too many details. This simple activity establishes boundaries.

Directions: Tell the students that they are going to place an ad in a newspaper. Each word costs ten cents. Tell them they can spend only \$2.00 for the ad. Provide them with a choice of articles or passages for them to summarize in up to 20 words.