

Student edition	Comprehending a text
Lesson 5	<i>For use with an informational text</i>

Introduction: This lesson will help you practice four types of reading comprehension strategies: *predicting, questioning, classifying* and *summarizing*.

Directions:

1. In groups of four, assign each group member one of the roles below.
2. Read your role's assignment and as you read, look for the answers in your text.
3. Share your findings with the group.
4. Add your information to the graphic organizer and turn it into your teacher. Make sure you indicate which team member fulfilled each role.

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

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This lesson will help students practice:

- ▶ Drawing conclusions.
- ▶ Identifying details and facts.
- ▶ Identifying the main idea.
- ▶ Analyzing and evaluating information.
- ▶ Synthesizing information.

Teaching suggestions for initial and repeated uses:

1. Divide students into groups of four and direct them to the text they will be reading.
2. Read the roles described on the graphic organizer and ask groups to assign a role to each member. Review the rest of the student instructions.
3. While individuals take turns writing their information on the graphic organizer, have the rest of the students adopt a different role and read a new section of the text on their own.

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