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Getting Ready to Read: Previewing a Text

Purpose
- Learn how to navigate subject-specific textbooks and resources.
- Examine the layout and features of a particular text, and how to use it.

Payoff
Students will:
- become familiar with different course texts and resources (print and electronic).
- use strategies for effectively previewing and locating information in different texts, using the table of contents, indices and/or navigation bar.

Tips and Resources
- Most informational texts use a variety of visual, graphic and text features to organize information, highlight important ideas, illustrate key concepts, and provide additional information. Features may include headings, subheadings, table of contents, index, glossary, preface, paragraphs separated by spacing, bulleted lists, sidebars, footnotes, illustration, pictures, diagrams, charts, graphs, captions, italicized words or passages, boldface words or sections, colour, and symbols.


Further Support
- Provide students with a copy of a course-related text that has all of the visual and graphic features (e.g., diagrams, charts, illustrations, captions, maps, headings, titles, legends) removed or blanked out. Ask students to scan the text and suggest what the blanked-out sections might be. Have students read the body of the text and summarize the information. Ask students to identify the parts of the text that they had difficulty reading, and suggest what additional features should help them to navigate and understand the text better. Alternatively, provide students with a copy of a course-related text showing the text features only, without the body of the text. Discuss what information they can gather from the features and what predictions they can make about the content. Note the connections among the features of a text, the words, and how they help readers understand the content.
- Encourage students to preview the features of a text before they read the content. Have partners share their previewing strategies.
- Have students create text search prompts for other course-related materials.
### Getting Ready to Read: Previewing a Text

**Food and Nutrition Text Features Search: Food for Today (unit 1)**

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<td>• Ask students to work in pairs to complete the search within a specific time frame.</td>
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<td>• Have partners share their findings with another pair.</td>
<td>• Share and compare findings.</td>
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<td>• Take up any remaining questions using the Teacher Resource, <em>Answer Key for Text Features Search: Food for Today</em>.</td>
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<td>• Discuss which items were easy and which items were challenging to find, calling attention to common difficulties and solutions.</td>
<td>• Students contribute to discussion.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to suggest which features of the text were helpful, which were less helpful, and how they could be changed to be more helpful.</td>
<td>• Students work on understanding the text features of another type of text.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to use the text features to complete a text preview of another related Food and Nutrition resource text (e.g., a cookbook).</td>
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<tr>
<td>• For another example of previewing a text, see Student Resource, <em>Previewing a Cookbook</em>.</td>
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Text Features Search: Food for Today

1. Using the Contents (Table of Contents), find the chapter number for the topic Career Opportunities.

2. In the Index at the back of the text, find and list all the pages that deal with serving family meals.

3. How many authors collaborated to write the Canadian Edition of this textbook?

4. What is the difference between an author and a reviewer?

5. Name the reviewer who works at Ryerson University.

6. When was this textbook published?

7. What diagram appears on page 500? What feature provides an explanation of that diagram and where is this feature located? How is the diagram connected to other information on that page?

8. How are different topics and subtopics outlined in the Contents?

9. List the 6 special features organized in page xxiv.

10. Looking at the Contents, how many units and how many chapters are in this text?

11. In Chapter 28, how many subheadings in blue appear throughout the chapter? On what page is the sub-heading “Vitality” found?

12. Open the text to page 691. How are the pictures/illustrations at the top of the page helpful? (provides visual examples of the written description)

13. What is the term in bold on page 252? Why has this word been bolded?

14. Open the text to page 171. Look at the graphic. Which ingredient costs the most in this meal?

15. What features are found consistently in the last two pages of each chapter?

16. What special feature is on page 560? There are many of these features in this text. Why are they important to this course?

17. Read page 253. Could you see yourself working as a Registered Dietitian in a private practice? Why or why not?

18. Turn to the graph on page 677. What does each bar represent on the graph?

19. What information is presented in blue on page 617? Why would this information be highlighted with colour?

Answer Key for Text Features Search: Food for Today

1. Using the Contents (Table of Contents), find the chapter number for the topic Career Opportunities. (5)

2. In the Index at the back of the text, find and list all the pages that deal with serving family meals. (179-182)

3. How many authors collaborated to write the Canadian Edition of this textbook? (4)

4. What is the difference between an author and a reviewer? (an author writes the original material for the text, a reviewer checks the original material and may make suggestions for change)

5. Name the reviewer who works at Ryerson University. (Heather Lush)

6. When was this textbook published? (2004)

7. What diagram appears on page 500? What feature provides an explanation of that diagram and where is this feature located? How is the diagram connected to other information on that page? (map of Canada, bulleted explanation is at the top right of the map, visually supports content in text on regional/geographic influences in Agriculture)

8. How are different topics and subtopics outlined in the Contents? (different degrees of indentation as well as different colours, sizes and styles of fonts are used to differentiate topics and subtopics)

9. List the 6 special features organized in page xxiv. (Career Profile, Food Science Lab, For Your Health, Recipes, Safety Check, Social Science Skills)

10. Looking at the Contents, how many units and how many chapters are in this text? (6 units, 32 chapters)

11. In Chapter 28, how many subheadings in blue appear throughout the chapter? On what page is the subheading “Vitality” found? (10, page 584)

12. Open the text to page 691. How are the pictures/illustrations at the top of the page helpful? (provides visual examples of the written description)

13. What is the term in bold on page 252? Why has this word been bolded? (basal metabolism, new vocabulary)

14. Open the text to page 171. Look at the graphic. Which ingredient costs the most in this meal? (chicken)

15. What features are found consistently in the last two pages of each chapter? (Review and Activities)

16. What special feature is on page 560? There are many of these features in this text. Why are they important to this course? (recipe, recipes are important application of theory)

17. Read page 253. Could you see yourself working as a Registered Dietitian in a private practice? Why or why not?

18. Turn to the graph on page 677. What does each bar represent on the graph? (iodized salt consumption between 1993 and 2003)

19. What information is presented in blue on page 617? Why would this information be highlighted with colour? (FYI the different colour helps to call attention to this feature.)
A well-designed textbook, website or other print resource has a variety of elements or features that are applied consistently to help the reader locate and use the material. Some texts have more of these features, and clearer cues, than others do. Previewing a course text can help students to identify the text features and use them efficiently.

Purpose
- Learn how to navigate subject-specific textbooks and resources.
- Examine the layout and features of a particular text, and how to use it.

Payoff
Students will:
- become familiar with different course texts and resources (print and electronic).
- use strategies for effectively previewing and locating information in different texts, using the table of contents, indices and/or navigation bar.

Tips and Resources
Note: It would be helpful if students have already completed the Previewing a Text activity. See Student Resource, Text Features Search: Food for Today on page 4.
- Most informational texts use a variety of visual, graphic and text features to organize information, highlight important ideas, illustrate key concepts, and provide additional information. Features may include headings, subheadings, table of contents, index, glossary, preface, paragraphs separated by spacing, bulleted lists, sidebars, footnotes, illustration, pictures, diagrams, charts, graphs, captions, italicized words or passages, boldface words or sections, colour, and symbols.
- Use any general-purpose cookbook for this activity e.g., Joy of Cooking.
- See Student Resource, Text Features Search: Cookbook.

Further Support
- Provide students with a copy of a course-related text that has all of the visual and graphic features (e.g., diagrams, charts, illustrations, captions, maps, headings, titles, legends) removed or blanked out. Ask students to scan the text and suggest what the blanked-out sections might be. Have students read the body of the text and summarize the information. Ask students to identify the parts of the text that they had difficulty reading, and suggest what additional features should help them to navigate and understand the text better. Alternatively, provide students with a copy of a course-related text showing the text features only, without the body of the text. Discuss what information they can gather from the features and what predictions they can make about the content. Note the connections among the features of a text, the words, and how they help readers understand the content.
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- Have students create text search prompts for other course-related materials.
Getting Ready to Read: Previewing a Text

Food and Nutrition   Text Features Search: Cookbook   (unit 1)

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<td>• Provide a general-purpose cookbook for students.</td>
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<td>• Use the Student Resource, <em>Text Features Search: Cookbook</em>.</td>
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<td>• Alternatively, adapt the Student Resource for your own available cookbook.</td>
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<td>• Read the prompts out loud, if needed. Remind students to include page references in the “Answers” column.</td>
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<td>• Discuss which items were easy and which items were challenging to find calling attention to common difficulties and solutions.</td>
<td>• Students contribute to the class discussion.</td>
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<td>• Ask students the following questions:</td>
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<td>- Which features of the cookbook were very helpful?</td>
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<td>- Which features could be more helpful and how?</td>
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<td>- What features could be added to the cookbook to make it more user-friendly?</td>
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<td>Questions</td>
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<td>1. Who is the author?</td>
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<td>2. What is the year of publication?</td>
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<td>3. What is the title of this cookbook?</td>
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<td>4. How are the chapter headings organized?</td>
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<td>5. Using the Index, find an interesting recipe that uses cheese. Record</td>
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<td>the title and page number for this recipe.</td>
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<td>6. Can you eat a dumpling for dessert?</td>
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<td>7. Using the Index, determine how many recipes in this cookbook include</td>
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<td>broccoli as an ingredient.</td>
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<td>8. Turn to the page with equivalents and substitutions.</td>
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<td>a) How many bananas make one cup mashed?</td>
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<td>b) If you don’t have unsweetened chocolate, what can you use?</td>
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<td>c) When you don’t have yogurt, what can you use as a substitute?</td>
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<td>d) One cup equals how many ounces?</td>
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<td>9. Choose one of the following from the Index: frittatas, baba ghanoush,</td>
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<td>streusel or borscht. What is the main ingredient in the recipe you</td>
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<td>chose?</td>
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<td>10. Name three special features that appear under the section</td>
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<td>Know Your Ingredients or another section such as:</td>
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<td>11. Which is your favourite recipe section? Why?</td>
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<td>12. What is the name of the section where you would find cakes?</td>
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<td>13. Other than recipes, what kind of information is found in this</td>
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<td>cookbook?</td>
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<td>14. Which cake recipe would you want on your birthday? Why?</td>
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<td>15. Name 5 types of shellfish.</td>
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<td>16. Find an illustration (drawing) and record the page #. What is this</td>
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<td>illustration showing?</td>
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<td>17. How many people does the recipe for fruit salad serve?</td>
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<td>18. Does this cookbook have a recipe for lamb chops?</td>
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Getting Ready to Read: Finding Organizational Patterns

Food and Nutrition   Different Recipe Formats   (unit 2)

Information can be grouped and ordered in different ways - for example: sequentially (as in a procedure), by order of importance (as in a persuasive argument), or by classification (as in a periodic table). The way information is organized in a text is a cue to help the reader understand the ideas and make meaningful connections.

Purpose
- Preview the text structure and identify different organizational patterns.
- Become familiar with the organizational patterns of a text.

Payoff
- Students will:
  - make connections between reading and writing tasks.
  - learn to read the text more independently.
  - practise reading strategies, including skimming, scanning, rereading, making predictions, and making connections.

Tips and Resources
- For descriptions of different organizational patterns and how to spot them, see Teacher Resource, *Types of Organizational Patterns (and How to Find Them)* in *Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7-12*, pp. 18 -19.
- Many texts combine several organizational patterns, depending upon the topic, content, purpose and audience.
- Graphic organizers (such as timelines, flow charts, and mind maps) can help readers to “see” the relationship(s) among ideas more clearly.
- See Student/Teacher Resource, *Organizational Patterns: Recipes*.


Further Support
- Provide struggling students with a graphic organizer to record the main ideas, relevant information, and/or significant concepts (e.g., flow chart, comparison chart, timeline).
- Help students to preview the text structure before they read by giving them questions to consider, or by guiding them to look for recurring information or signal words.
- Develop class reference charts for the different organizational patterns, showing the purpose, when/where the pattern might be used, characteristics, signal words, and related questions. Use these same concepts to create graphic organizers for students who need additional help.
### Getting Ready to Read: Finding Organizational Patterns

#### Food and Nutrition  Different Recipe Formats  (unit 2)

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<tr>
<td>• Choose magazines that present a variety of recipe formats.</td>
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<td>• Provide students with family/food magazines e.g., <em>Canadian Living</em>, <em>Chatelaine</em>, <em>Food and Drink</em>.</td>
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<td>• Have students cut out three different examples of organizational patterns for recipes.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to identify how recipes are organized and the characteristics of particular organizational patterns.</td>
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<td>• Recall what they already know about the layout of recipes. Identify when/where they have seen or used that particular pattern.</td>
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<td>• Identify how the recipe is organized and the characteristics that indicate it belongs to that particular organizational pattern.</td>
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<td>• Introduce the organizational patterns for recipes (formats). See Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Organizational Patterns: Recipes</em>.</td>
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<td>• Explain the purpose of the 3 recipe formats: when/where/why each might be used.</td>
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<td>• Working in pairs, have students choose two recipes from their selection - one in the Standard Format and the other in Narrative Format.</td>
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<td>• Each student in the pair chooses one format and makes a list of the ingredients.</td>
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<td>• The pairs then answer the following questions:</td>
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<td>- Which format had the most complete list?</td>
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<td>- What are the advantages and disadvantages of each format?</td>
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<td>• Answer questions for each of the types of recipe formats chosen.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to locate examples of these organizational patterns in their textbook and/or a collection of cookbooks. Which organizational pattern is utilized most often?</td>
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<td>• Examine the characteristics that make the Standard Format of recipe organization the most widely used one.</td>
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<td>• Find these organizational patterns in their text and classroom cookbooks.</td>
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<td>• Discuss what makes the Standard Format the most widely used and useful to cooks.</td>
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Organizational Patterns: Recipes

**STANDARD FORMAT**

**Crispy Rice Squares**

- 30 mL flax seeds
- 60 mL butter or margarine
- 250 g mini marshmallows
- 5 mL vanilla extract
- 1.25 L crisp rice cereal
- 75 mL chopped dried apricots
- 75 mL chopped dried apples
- 75 mL dried cranberries
- 60 mL toasted soy flakes

1. Place flax seeds in a small bowl and add enough water to cover seeds. Let soak at least 1 hour.
2. Grease a 9 x 13” (23 x 33 cm) baking dish.
3. Drain flax seeds.
4. In a large saucepan, over medium heat, melt 60 mL butter.
5. Stir in marshmallows, a handful at a time, until smooth.
6. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Gradually fold in remaining ingredients, including flax seeds, until evenly combined.

**ACTIVE FORMAT**

Place:
30 mL flax seeds into a small bowl and add enough water to cover seeds. Let soak for at least 1 hour.

Grease a 9 x 13” (23 x 33 cm) baking dish.

Drain flax seeds.

In a large saucepan, over medium heat, melt:
60 mL butter.

Add to saucepan one handful at a time, stirring until smooth:
250 g mini marshmallows.

Remove from heat. Stir in:
5 mL vanilla extract.

Gradually fold in remaining ingredients until evenly combined, including flax seeds:
1.25 L crisp rice cereal
75 mL dried apricots
75 mL chopped dried apples
75 mL dried cranberries
60 mL toasted soy flakes

Press mixture into prepared dish. Cut into squares.

**NARRATIVE FORMAT**

Place 30 mL flax seeds in a small bowl and add enough water to cover seeds. Let soak at least 1 hour. Grease a 9 x 13” (23 x 33 cm) baking dish. Drain seeds. In a large saucepan, over medium heat, melt 60 mL butter. Stir in 250 g mini marshmallows, a handful at a time, until smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in 5 mL vanilla. Gradually fold in 1.25 L crisp rice cereal, 75 mL chopped dried apricots, 75 mL chopped dried apples, 75 mL dried cranberries and 60 mL toasted soy flakes, including flax seeds, until evenly combined. Press mixture into prepared dish. Cut into squares.
Getting Ready to Read: Anticipation Guide

Food and Nutrition Nutrition for the Life Cycle (unit 3)

What we already know determines to a great extent what we will pay attention to, perceive, learn, remember, and forget. (Woolfolk, 1998)

An Anticipation Guide is a series of questions or statements (usually 8 to 10) related to the topic or point of view of a particular text. Students work silently to read and then agree or disagree with each statement.

Purpose

• Help students to activate their prior knowledge and experience and think about the ideas they will be reading.
• Encourage students to make a personal connection with a topic or unit of work so that they can integrate new knowledge with their background experience and prior knowledge.

Payoff

Students will:
• connect their personal knowledge and experience with a curriculum topic or issue.
• engage with topics, themes and issues at their current level of understanding.
• have a purpose for reading subject-area text.
• become familiar and comfortable with a topic before reading unfamiliar text.

Tips and Resources

• An anticipation guide works best when students are required to read something that contains unfamiliar information. The idea of the guide is to raise students’ awareness of related issues and help them make connections with what is familiar and unfamiliar about that text.
• In creating your anticipation guide, write open-ended statements that challenge students’ beliefs. Avoid using statements that are “right” or “wrong” or that ask simply for a “yes” or “no” response. You don’t want statements such as, “School cafeterias should not sell so much junk food.” Instead, write “Teenagers consume more junk food than is good for them.”
• For ideas to help you craft the statements see Student/Teacher Resource, Anticipation Guide: Nutrition for the Life Cycle based on Chapter 11 of Food for Today, First Canadian Edition. Chapter 15 and Chapter 16 of Food For Life can also be used.
• For a blank anticipation guide to use for this activity, see Student Resource, Anticipation Guide Template.


Further Support

• Put students in pairs to complete the anticipation guide if they are having trouble making connections with the theme or topic, or if they need support with language.
• To provide an opportunity for struggling students to contribute in a more supportive situation, divide the class into small groups of four or five and ask them to tally and chart their responses
### Getting Ready to Read: Anticipation Guide

**Food and Nutrition   Nutrition for the Life Cycle   (unit 3)**

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<td>• Preview the text to find themes or big ideas.</td>
<td>• Working individually, read each statement on the anticipation guide and check off the responses.</td>
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<td>• Distribute copies of the Student Resource, <em>Anticipation Guide: Nutrition For the Life Cycle</em> to the students. Explain that this is not a test, but an opportunity for them to explore their own thoughts and opinions. The students are to agree or disagree. They complete the guide first individually and then share their thoughts in a whole-class discussion.</td>
<td>• Contribute responses in the class discussion and explain them.</td>
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<td>• Engage students in a whole-class discussion, start with a simple hand-count of the numbers of students who agreed or disagreed with a particular statement. Then ask the students who disagreed to share their thinking, followed by those students who agreed with the statement.</td>
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<td>• Record (or ask a student to record) some of the key points made during the discussion, using a T-chart (agree/disagree) on the board or overhead.</td>
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<td>• Working individually, read each statement on the anticipation guide and check off the responses.</td>
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<td>• Contribute responses in the class discussion and explain them.</td>
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<td>• Explain the topic of the reading assignment, <em>Nutrition for the Life Cycle</em> and how it connects with Anticipation Guide statements.</td>
<td>• Read the assigned text (certain pages, a chapter, or alternative resource such as a magazine article) and jot down page numbers beside each agree/disagree statement (for information that relates to the issue).</td>
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Anticipation Guide: Nutrition For the Life Cycle

- Circle “Agree” or “Disagree” beside each statement below before you read your Foods and Nutrition textbook, *Food for Today*, First Canadian Edition (or *Food For Life*).
- Following our class discussion of these statements, you will read Chapter 11 in *Food for Today*, First Canadian Edition (or Chapter 15 and 16 in Food For Life), noting page numbers that relate to each statement.
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Extending Vocabulary: Creating a Word Wall
Food and Nutrition   Food Preparation Terms   (unit 2)

Students are required to learn, on average, over 2 000 words each year in various subject areas. Those who have trouble learning new words will struggle with the increasingly complex texts that they encounter in the middle and senior school years. A word wall is a wall, chalkboard or bulletin board listing key words that will appear often in a new unit of study, printed on card stock and taped or pinned to the wall/board. The word wall is usually organized alphabetically.

Purpose
• Identify unfamiliar vocabulary and create a visible reference in the classroom for words that will appear in a topic or unit of study.

Payoff
Students will:
• practise skimming and scanning an assigned reading before dealing with the content in an intensive way. Students will then have some familiarity with the location of information and with various elements of the text.
• develop some sense of the meaning of key words before actually reading the words in context.
• improve comprehension and spelling because key words remain posted in the classroom.

Tips and Resources
• Skimming means to read quickly – horizontally – through the text to get a general understanding of the content and its usefulness.
• Scanning means to read quickly – vertically or diagonally – to find single words, facts, dates, names, or details.
• For directions, see Student Resource, Skimming and Scanning to Preview Text.
• Before building the word wall, consider using Previewing a Text pp. 6-8, to help students become familiar with the text.
• Consider posting certain words for longer periods (e.g., words that occur frequently in the unit, words that are difficult to spell, and words that students should learn to recognize on sight).
• Have students refer to the word wall to support their understanding and spelling of the words.
• See Teacher Resource, Word Wall Sample for Food Preparation Terms.


Further Support
• Add a picture to the word cards as a support for ESL students and struggling readers.
• Provide each student with a recording sheet so that they can make their own record of the key words for further review.
• If it appears that students will need additional support, review the terminology on the word wall in the two classes following this activity, using Take Five or Think/Pair/Share, which are described in the Oral Communication section of Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7-12.
## Extending Vocabulary: Creating a Word Wall

**Food and Nutrition  Food Preparation Terms (unit 2)**

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<td>• Before class, preview the text for key vocabulary. (See Teacher Resource, <em>Word Wall Sample For Food Preparation Terms.</em>)</td>
<td>• Each group finds an appropriate space where group members can talk face-to-face and write down the words.</td>
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<td>• Prepare strips of card stock (4”×10”) for words.</td>
<td>• Find the assigned text.</td>
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<td>• Divide students into groups of 3.</td>
<td>• Follow along on the handout as the teacher reviews skimming and scanning.</td>
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<td>• Provide masking tape or pins for each group of students.</td>
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<td>• Explain to students that together they will find key vocabulary in the assigned recipes, and will help each other to understand and spell the key vocabulary by creating a “word wall” in the classroom that they can refer to for the duration of that particular topic.</td>
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<td>• The assigned “text” can be recipes found in Food for Today, Food for Life, or in magazines such as Canadian Living.</td>
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<td>• Distribute Student Resource, <em>Skimming and Scanning to Preview Text</em>. Read and clarify the techniques with students.</td>
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<td>• Pre-assign groups different recipes so that more of the vocabulary can be covered.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to skim the instruction section of the recipe.</td>
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<td>• Direct students to independently scan the recipes for unfamiliar words.</td>
<td>• Scan the text for unfamiliar words and write a personal list of these words.</td>
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<td>• Ask each student to create a personal list of 10 unfamiliar words.</td>
<td>• Compare the personal lists. Choose the words for a group master list.</td>
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<td>• Direct students to small groups and ask the groups to compare personal lists and create a group master list.</td>
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<td>• Demonstrate the action of unfamiliar words using appropriate kitchen tools.</td>
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<td>• Distribute 8 pieces of card stock (4”×10”), markers and pieces of masking tape to each group.</td>
<td>• In each group, print the key vocabulary words in large letters on card stock and tape or pin them to the blackboard or bulletin board, preferably alphabetically.</td>
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<td>• Lead some discussion of the words and ask students to speculate on their meaning. If appropriate, describe prefixes and suffixes that are unique or common to the subject area.</td>
<td>• Use the glossary in the textbook or dictionaries to find the meaning of the words.</td>
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<td>• Ask each group to look up the meaning of its words and then to explain the meaning to the rest of the class.</td>
<td>• Present their words to the rest of the class.</td>
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<td>• Add the meaning to the words on the card in smaller letters.</td>
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Word Wall Sample for Food Preparation Terms

Sample Word Cards with Definitions

**cream**
- to beat with a spoon or mixer until soft, smooth, and creamy.

**cut in**
- to mix solid fat and flour using a pastry blender or 2 knives and a cutting motion.

**grease**
- to spread a thin layer of non-salt fat on a baking pan.
# Skimming and Scanning to Preview Text

## Skimming

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<td>Why do I skim?</td>
<td>Skimming allows you to read quickly to get a general sense of a text so that you can decide whether it has useful information for you. You may also skim to get a key idea. After skimming a piece, you might decide that you want or need to read it in greater depth.</td>
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| How do I skim? | 1. Read the first few paragraphs, two or three middle paragraphs, and the final two or three paragraphs of a piece, trying to get a basic understanding of the information.  
2. Some people prefer to skim by reading the first and last sentence of each paragraph, that is, the topic sentences and concluding sentences.  
3. If there are pictures, diagrams, or charts, a quick glance at them and their captions may help you to understand the main idea or point of view in the text.  
4. Remember: You do not have to read every word when you skim.  
5. Generally, move your eyes horizontally (and quickly) when you skim. |
| Read in this direction. |  

## Scanning

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<td>Scanning allows you to locate quickly a single fact, date, name, or word in a text without trying to read or understand the rest of the piece. You may need that fact or word later to respond to a question or to add a specific detail to something you are writing.</td>
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| How do I scan? | 1. Knowing your text well is important. Make a prediction about where in a chapter you might find the word, name, fact, term, or date.  
2. Note how the information is arranged on a page. Will headings, diagrams, or boxed or highlighted items guide you? Is information arranged alphabetically or numerically as it might be in a telephone book or glossary?  
3. Move your eyes vertically or diagonally down the page, letting them dart quickly from side to side and keeping in mind the exact type of information that you want. Look for other closely associated words that might steer you toward the detail for which you are looking.  
4. Aim for 100% accuracy! |
| Read in these directions. |  

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**Student Resource**
A concept map is a way to visually organize your understanding of information. It is hierarchical in nature, beginning with the subject or topic at the top or side of the page, and then branching into sub-topics and details.

**Purpose**
- Record ideas during reading.
- See the relationships among ideas, and distinguish between main ideas and supporting details.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- remember important details from the text.
- organize information in a memorable and accessible way to help with studying.

**Tips and Resources**
- Brain-based research shows that visual organizers, such as concept maps, can be highly effective in helping students who struggle with reading and writing.
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- Spend time deconstructing the concept map and pointing out the connections between the various topics and ideas.
- To see concept mapping in action, turn to Teacher Resource, *Concept Map: Carbohydrates Are Sources of Energy*. There are two pages. The first page contains a partial concept map that can be filled out as the reading progresses in the text chapters. The second contains a completed concept map to show what a finished product might look like. Both the partial and completed maps can be made into overheads for use with the whole class.


**Further Support**
- Pair students or put them in groups to read the text and create their concept maps.
- Encourage students in pairs or groups to choose one person who will read the text aloud first while a partner or group member records single words that represent main ideas or details.
### Engaging in Reading: Sorting Ideas Using a Concept Map

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Concept Map: Carbohydrates Are Sources of Energy

Carbohydrates

Simple

Complex
Concept Map: Carbohydrates Are Sources of Energy

- **Carbohydrates**
  - Can be classified as:
    - Simple (sugars)
      - Such as Fructose, Sucrose, and Lactose
    - Complex
      - Types: Starches and Dietary Fibre
  - or

Teacher Resource
Engaging in Reading: Sorting Ideas Using a Concept Map

Food and Nutrition  Vitality  (unit 3)

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Concept Map: Vitality

This text comes from Health Canada, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion, pamphlet or website about using the Food Guide. The section discusses vitality, what it means, the importance of vitality and how to achieve it. The accompanying concept map focuses on what vitality is and what you need to achieve it. Do not tell students the topic of the section before you read it to them. They should draw their own conclusions about the topic.

Using the Food Guide: Reading Aloud

Putting it all together

Eating well is just one way to get the most out of life. It's also important to be active and feel good about yourself.

Eating well means following Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating. Use the ideas in this booklet to help you make wiser food choices. After all, food is one of life's great pleasures.

Being active means making physical activity a part of your everyday life. It helps you manage your weight and strengthen your heart, lungs and muscles. Find fun ways to be active in your own way. Walk part of the way to and from work. Head outdoors to skate, swim or hike. Play ball with the kids.

Feeling good about yourself means believing in yourself. The best way to do that is to accept who you are and how you look. So treat yourself well.

Healthy bodies come in a variety of shapes and sizes. A good weight is a healthy weight, not just a low weight. A healthy weight helps you stay active and lowers the risk of health problems.

Take a fresh approach to living. Enjoying eating well, being active and feeling good about yourself. That's Vitality!

Enjoy:

- Eating Well
- Being Active
- Feeling Good about Yourself

Concept Map: Vitality

Vitality

Concept Map: Vitality

[Diagram with three stars]
Vitality

A zest for life

A healthy weight that helps you stay healthy and active

achieved by Eating well

and Being Active

and Feeling good about yourself
Engaging In Reading: Most/Least Important Idea(s) and Information

Food and Nutrition Food Marketing and Advertising (unit 3)

Determining important ideas and information in text is central to making sense of reading and moving toward insight. (Stephanie Harvey and Anne Goudvis, 2000)

Purpose
- Find the main idea(s) in text by distinguishing between the most important and least important information.

Payoff
Students will:
- become familiar with the text and make judgements about the content.
- work collaboratively with a partner - using reading, note taking, and oral strategies - to make sense of the text.

Tips and Resources
Note: This strategy works well when students need background information for future learning e.g., areas of development, communication, concept of family, etc.
- Determining the main idea(s) in a text is not always a clear, straightforward process. Some or all of the following strategies can help the students:
  - Activate prior knowledge to help students connect to the information in the text.
  - Note the type of text and its typical audience and purpose (e.g., to persuade, to explain, to illustrate).
  - Set a clear purpose for the text so that students have common ground for finding the main ideas.
- Main ideas are often found in the first or last sentences in a paragraph, or first and last paragraphs in a chapter.
- The reader constructs meaning, deciding on what is most important based on prior knowledge and experience. What is important to one reader may not be as important to another, unless both have a common goal or purpose.
- Follow-up topics where this same literacy strategy could be used include: Developmental Tasks of Adolescence and Areas of Development (Physical, Intellectual, Emotional and Social).
- For more information, see:
  - Teacher Resource, Passages From Food For Today. (samples)
  - Student Resource, Food Marketing and Advertising. (blank template)


Further Support
- After students have done a least-important/most-important T-chart on their own or in pairs, model the process an additional time by thinking aloud through another passage. Ask students to compare their choices with yours.
- Put students in groups of four, with each group having a different passage from the same chapter of the textbook, to create their own think-aloud for that passage. Ask students to number off as they begin their work (from 1 to 4) and to remember their number. Students work together to decide most-important/least-important ideas and information and provide reasons for their choices as they prepare their think-aloud. Ask the #3s (and ask the #1s to assist them) to present their think-aloud to the rest of the class.
### Engaging In Reading: Most/Least Important Idea(s) and Information

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<td>• Read the passage silently, thinking about the purpose for reading.</td>
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<td>• With students, set a clear purpose for reading the passage. The purpose is to discover how to be able to determine reliable nutritional information.</td>
<td>• Listen to the passage being read, while thinking about their own choices for most important and least important idea(s).</td>
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<td>• Give students time to read the passage silently.</td>
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Passages from *Food for Today*

The teacher could use these short passages from *Food for Today* as a script to demonstrate a think-aloud to students, showing how to decide what is important in a text, and what is less important. It could also be used as an overhead for the same purpose.

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<td>Less important- Consider the source. Tabloids are less reliable sources. Also consider the quantity of conflicting information you have received from more reliable sources.</td>
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<td>Each day, dozens of media messages about food and nutrition come your way. With this wealth of information, some of it conflicting, how can you tell what to believe and what to disregard?</td>
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To determine what is accurate nutritional information, one must be a critical thinker and an effective communicator.

Food Marketing and Advertising

Read the text assigned by the teacher and quote the most important and least important ideas and information. When you have finished recording, go to the bottom section of the chart and write what you believe to be the key idea from the entire passage.

Title of textbook, chapter, or article: _________________________________________________________

Pages read: __________________________

Purpose for reading: ________________________________________________________________

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Tips and Resources

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## Reacting to Reading: Responding to Text (Graffiti)

**Food and Nutrition  Canadian Food Supply  (unit 5)**

### Before
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1. What are the five major agricultural production sectors in Canada?

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1. What are the five major agricultural production sectors in Canada?

Five major agricultural production sectors in Canada are:
- Grains and oilseeds ........................................ 34%
- Red meats ....................................................... 27%
- Dairy ............................................................. 12%
- Horticulture .................................................. 9%
- Poultry and eggs ............................................. 8%

This equals 90% of the commodities produced in this country. “Other” equals 10%.

(Answer found on page 495)

2. What geographical factors affect the growth of agricultural commodities (foods produced through agriculture) in a region?

Geographical factors affecting the growth of agricultural commodities (foods produced through agriculture) in a region are:
- Extreme range of climates
- Availability of arable land
- Types of soil

*Only 2.3% of the land in Canada is good or excellent for farming. Much of it is found in southern areas of the country and it is also being used for urban development.

(Answer found on page 500)

3. What is the meaning of the phrase, “the earth as an apple”?

“The earth as an apple” is a simile. The earth is being compared to an apple. This is a very good visual exercise to do with your students. The apple is cut into parts to explain how little useable land there is on this planet to produce food for humankind.

(Answer found on page 501)

4. What does a marketing board do?

Functions of marketing boards:
- Monitor consumer demand provincially and nationally
- Determine the amount of commodity e.g. grain that will be used
- Provincial marketing boards set quotas for the producers telling them how much of the commodity e.g. eggs they can produce
- Set the price paid to the producer for the commodity

(Answer found on pages 504 and 506)

5. What are co-operatives?

Co-operatives are groups of people who have a common goal and who work together for the benefit of the entire group. They play an important part in Canadian agriculture. They process and market products such as fruits and vegetables and livestock.

(Answer found on page 506)
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4. Why does desertification occur?

5. Why do hundreds of millions of people in the world go hungry?
Graffiti Questions: Global Food Issues (Answer Key)

1. **How is your diet different from that of your grandparents?** Answer found on p. 294.
   Your ancestors ate locally grown foods such as vegetables and poultry. Today, we often eat foods produced in other parts of the world, for example, bananas from Central and South America. We have supermarkets with, for example, pineapple canned in the Philippines. We have a wider variety of foods all year round due to modern food processing and refrigeration techniques and improved transportation systems. Some of the foods we eat today did not even exist in our grandparents’ time. They have been produced through technology.

2. **What is the definition of the term “agribusiness”?** Answer found on p. 295.
   Agribusiness is food production that combines agriculture and big business. Food then becomes a commodity or economic good that can be produced and traded for profit. That is why farms around the world are competing with each other to grow the cheapest food. Also the farms have become larger to produce more goods. Technological changes in farm machinery, the breeding of plants and the use of computers all play a part in the global production of food.

3. **In developing countries, what role do women play on the farm?** Answer found on p. 297-298.
   In developing countries, women on the farm:
   - Plant, weed and harvest food
   - Care for livestock
   - Grind grains
   - Care for homes and families
   - Market surplus food from subsistence gardens
   * Women grow and process at least half of the world’s food. When family land is used for cash cropping, women and children do the bulk of the work but the man is paid for the work of his family.

4. **Why does desertification occur?** Answer found on p. 298-299.
   Desertification is land lost when drought strikes and farmland and pasture turns into desert.
   Causes:
   - Climatic change
   - Over cultivation
   - Prolonged use of heavy machinery
   - Monocropping
   - Overuse of chemical fertilizers and pesticides
   - Improper irrigation
   - Overgrazing
   - Deforestation

5. **Why do hundreds of millions of people in the world go hungry?** Answer found on p. 301.
   Hundreds of millions of people in world go hungry because:
   - Total world food supplies are not divided equally
   - Food resources are not evenly spread out
   - About 25% of the people consume 70% of the world’s food
   - People with the most money get the food
   - Food that could feed people is also used to feed farm animals and pets
   - Crop failure caused by, for example, floods, droughts, insects
   - War disrupts food supplies
   * Deaths from nutrition related sickness and diseases result.
Reading Different Text Forms: Reading Informational Texts

Food and Nutrition  Canada’s Food Guide to Healthy Eating  (unit 3)

Informational text forms (such as explanations, reports, news articles, magazine articles and instructions) are written to communicate informational about a specific subject, topic, event or process. These texts use vocabulary, special design elements, and organizational patterns to express ideas clearly and make them easier to read. Providing students with an approach to reading informational texts helps them to become effective readers.

Purpose
• Become familiar with the elements and features of informational texts used in any course.
• Explore a process for reading informational texts, using a range of strategies for before, during, and after reading.

Payoff
Students will:
• become more efficient at “mining” the text for information and meaning.
• practise essential reading strategies and apply them to different course-related materials.

Tips and Resources
• Some of the features of informational texts are headings, subheadings, questions, introductions, summaries, overviews, and illustrations. These work together to draw readers into the text at different levels. For example, in a magazine article, a heading is meant to grab your attention and give you an idea of what the article is about, while the accompanying photographs and captions might add information not included in the body of the article.
• Many informational texts are divided into sections or chapters, and are organized internally in ways that add meaning – for example, by sequence, chronology, cause/effect, comparison/contrast, classification, description, or definition. For example, news articles use a special organization pattern called the inverted pyramid to answer the 5WH questions (Who, What, When, Where, Why and How), and present the facts and supporting details in order of importance.
• Many informational texts use visual elements (such as typeface, size of type, colour, margin notes, photographs and diagrams) to emphasize important words and concepts. Different texts use these features in different ways to effectively present information.
• Words such as then, next, while, beside, and following are often used to indicate a time or spatial relationship.
• How you read informational text will depend on your purpose for reading. If you want to find specific information in a textbook, you might refer to the table of contents to decide where to start reading, examine the headings and subheadings, and then skim through the section looking for key words and phrases related to the topic. Once you have located the appropriate section, a closer reading will help you find the information and supporting details.
• See Student Resource, Tips for Reading Informational Texts: Canada’s Food Guide to Healthy Eating. This sheet can be handed out to students or made into an overhead.
• See Student/Teacher Resource, Using the Food Guide.

Further Support
• Provide students with an advance organizer to guide them as they read a particular text. This might be a series of prompts related to the reading task.
• See strategies for before reading, such as Previewing a Text, and Analyzing the Features of a Text. Refer to these to support and reinforce the ideas described here.
## What teachers do

### Before

Before reading, help students to connect new content and ideas to their prior knowledge by encouraging them to think about what they already know about the topic or the type of reading material. For example:

- Ask students to **brainstorm** related ideas, concepts and vocabulary, **recall** previous experiences and feelings related to the subject, recall what they have learned about the topic, or **list questions** they might have about the topic.
- Provide students with related experiences, discussion topics, readings, or background information to **increase background knowledge**.
- Pose questions to students before they read, to help them **determine a purpose** for reading.
- Invite students to ask questions about the content.
- Model (using a think aloud) how to **predict** the content based on the features of text, specialized vocabulary, illustrations, introductory information or personal experiences. **Skim**, **scan**, and **sample** the text to make informed predictions.
- **Identify** and pre-teach unfamiliar vocabulary and concepts that appear in the text.

### During

During reading, help students to connect the information and ideas in the text to what they already know as they monitor their understanding. (Monitoring their understanding means recognizing when confusion occurs and identifying strategies that help to regain meaning.) For example:

- Have students describe and model the different reading strategies they might use, such as **predicting**, **questioning**, **activating prior knowledge**, **inferring**, **monitoring**, **adjusting**, **rereading**, and **decoding**.
- Model (using a think aloud) strategies for pausing and thinking about the text. Encourage students to **chunk** the text, **read**, **pause**, **think** and **ask questions** or **make notes** about the section of text.
- Demonstrate how to **use a graphic organizer** to **categorize** and select main ideas, important details, and questions as you read. For example, comparison charts, T-charts, or Venn diagrams can help students to identify the ideas being compared and how they are similar and different.
- **Invite students to visualize** the concepts as they read.
- **Have partners share and compare** the visualizations.
- **Provide students with focus** questions, such as the following:
  - What are the main ideas?
  - How has the writer organized them?
  - How does the writer support the main ideas?
  - What is the writer’s viewpoint?
  - Is this a useful source of information?

### After

After reading, help students to **consolidate** and **extend** their understanding of the content. For example:

- Ask partners to **restate** or **paraphrase** what they have read, and **note similarities and differences** in the retelling.
- Model how to **summarize** the reading selection (using a think aloud) by identifying the essence of the text, choosing the most important information, and organizing the information to convey the **key ideas** of the selection.
- **Have students suggest** possible diagrams or **graphic organizers** to illustrate connections among the topics, main ideas, supporting details, and prior knowledge.
- Review the process that students used for reading informational text, including strategies for before, during and after reading. See Student Resource, *Tips for Reading Informational Texts: Canada’s Food Guide to Healthy Eating*.
Tips for Reading Informational Texts: Canada’s Food Guide to Healthy Eating

1. Before reading
What is your purpose for reading this chapter, pamphlet or website on Canada’s Food Guide to Healthy Eating?

- I am interested in eating healthier. ☐
- I would like to learn how to prepare better meals. ☐
- I want more energy. ☐
- This is an assignment or project. ☐

2. Scan the entire reading
What elements jump out at you?

- Headings
- Subheadings
- Illustrations
- Captions
- Other

What do you already know about the topic? __________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

Why do these elements grab your attention? Is it the use of colour, size of font, other? _______________

__________________________________________________________

What words or sentences catch your eye? __________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

What is the illustration about? _________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

Record some questions you might have about the topic. ____________________________________________

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Using the Food Guide

What is Canada's FOOD GUIDE to Healthy Eating?

IT IS A GUIDE to help you make wise food choices. The rainbow side of the Food Guide places foods into 4 groups: Grain Products, Vegetables and Fruit, Milk Products, Meat and Alternatives. It also tells you about the kinds of foods to choose for healthy eating.

The bar side of the Food Guide helps you decide how much you need from each group every day. It shows you serving sizes for different foods.

The bar side of the Food Guide tells you how other foods that are not part of the 4 food groups can have a role in healthy eating. Because some of these 'other foods' are higher in fat or calories, the Food Guide recommends using these foods in moderation.

The Food Guide suggests a way of eating for people over the age of 4.

This website explains how to best use Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating. It will help you make food choices for healthier eating every day.

Graphical text forms (such as diagrams, photographs, drawings, sketches, graphs, schedules, maps, charts, timelines, and tables) are intended to communicate information in a concise format and illustrate how one piece of information is related to another. Providing students with an approach to reading graphical text also helps them to become effective readers.

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Tips and Resources
- Sometimes a complicated idea or concept can be communicated more easily through a chart, graph, diagram or illustration. Many informational texts include graphics to supplement the main ideas and provide clues to the important concepts in the text. Some of the features of graphical texts include:
  - print features (such as typeface and size of type, bullets, titles, headings, subheadings, italics, labels, and captions).
  - organizational features (such as tables of contents, legends, keys, pronunciation guides, labels, and captions).
  - design features (such as colour, shape, line, placement, balance, and focal point).
- Each graphical text uses these elements and features in different ways to effectively present information in a condensed format. For example, a chart or table may illustrate key information and show how pieces of information relate to each other. A table uses columns and rows to organize the information and may include a title that describes the main idea or subject, and a caption to explain the purpose of the table.
- See Student Resource, Tips for Reading Graphical Texts. Focus on one or two tips at a time to help students before, during, and after the assigned reading. Add tips as needed to guide the students as they read.
- For more information, see:
  - Student Resource, Reading Graphical Texts: Determining Fat Content of Food.
  - Teacher Resource, Reading Graphical Texts: Determining Fat Content of Food – Answers.


Further Support
- Provide students with an advance organizer to guide them as they read a particular text. This might be a series of prompts to guide them through the reading task.
Reading Different Text Forms: Reading Graphical Texts

Food and Nutrition  Determining Fat Content  (unit 4)

What teachers do

**Before**

Book the computer lab to be able to access the .pdf chart Nutrient Value of Some Common Foods on the Health Canada web site:
or download the document and provide a class set for students to refer to. Before reading, help students to connect new content and ideas to their prior knowledge by encouraging them to think about what they already know about calculating the fat content of food and the type of graphical text.

For example:

- Ask students to brainstorm which foods they know contain a lot of fat, how much fat, carbohydrates, and protein should comprise the day’s energy intake, explain why the portion size of food is important to calculating nutrient intakes, recall/review how a variety of nutrients are measured (kcal, g, mg, IU, µg, NE).
- Provide students with related experiences, discussion topics, readings or background information to increase background knowledge.
- Pose questions to students before they read, to help them determine a purpose for reading.
- Invite students to ask questions about the graphic’s purpose (Nutrient Content of Some Common Foods) and the information in it.
- Model (using a think aloud) how to predict the content based on the features of the graphic, specialized language, related written information, or personal experiences. Skim, scan and sample the graphical text to make informed predictions. Predict which foods may have a high amount of Vitamin C, Vitamin A, etc.
- Identify and pre-teach unfamiliar vocabulary and concepts that appear in the graphical text (kcal, g, mg, IU, µg, NE).

**During**

During reading, help students to connect the information and ideas in the graphical text to what they already know as they monitor their understanding. For example:

- Have students describe and model the different reading strategies they might use, such as predicting, questioning, activating prior knowledge, inferencing, reading slowly, and rereading.
- Model (using a think aloud) strategies for pausing and thinking about the text. Encourage students to examine parts of the text, read, pause, think, and ask questions or make notes about how this information relates to other parts of the text.
- Demonstrate how to paraphrase the information presented. For example, use the sentence stem “This means … ”.
- Invite students to organize the information in a different way. Ask students to share and compare their interpretations.
- Provide students with focus questions such as:
  - What is the purpose of this graphic?
  - What information is provided?
  - Is all-important information included? What information is missing?
  - How is the information organized?
  - How does this information relate to what you already know about the topic?
  - Is this a useful source of information?

**After**

After reading, help students to consolidate and extend their understanding of the content.

- In pairs, ask students to use the chart to determine the fat content of two menus, see Student Resource, Reading Graphical Texts: Determining Fat Content of Food. Ask students to suggest how to get started. Using a think aloud process, make connections between prior knowledge and what the content is saying.
- Have students suggest possible ways to check the accuracy and reliability of the information presented.
- Review the process that students used for reading graphical texts, including strategies for before, during and after reading. See Student Resource, Tips for Reading Graphical Texts.
Tips for Reading Graphical Texts

Before Reading

- Set a purpose for reading. Ask yourself why you are reading this particular text.

- Look over the text to determine what type it is and which elements are used.

- Examine the titles, headings, captions and images. Start with the title. The title tells you what the graphic is about. The captions may also use words and phrases from the text to show how the graphic is related to the information in the written text (e.g., “Figure 1.6”).

- Recall what you already know about the topic or subject.

- Record some questions you might have about the information presented.

During Reading

- Read all the labels and examine how they are related to the graphic. Each label has a purpose. The most important labels may be in capital letters, bold type, or a larger font.

- Follow the arrows and lines. They may be used to show movement or direction, or connect to the things they name.

- Look for the use of colour or symbols to emphasize important words and information. Some graphical texts have a legend or a key to explain the meaning of specific symbols and colours.

- Study the image carefully. See if you recognize the details in the image. Read the text near the picture to find an explanation of the information in the graphic. Use the figure number or title and key words to find and read the related information in the written text.

- Identify the relationships among the visuals and information presented.

After Reading

- Interpret the information conveyed in any of the graphics (e.g., diagrams, charts, graphs, maps). Ask yourself why this information might be important.

- Rephrase information orally or in writing. Imagine that you are explaining the graphic to someone who has not read it.

- Create your own graphical text (e.g., graph, map, diagram, table, flow chart) to represent the important information.
**Reading Graphical Texts: Determining Fat Content of Food**

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2. Which menu has the highest fat content?
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1. Calculate the percentage of calories that comes from fat from each day’s menu.

   **Menu #1** - 69g fat x 9 kcal/g = 621 kcal
   621 kcal/2026 kcal total x 100 = 30.65%
   30.65% of daily calories comes from fat.

   **Menu #2** - 63.5g fat x 9 kcal/g = 571.5 kcal
   517.5 kcal/2389 kcal total x 100 = 23.92%
   23.92% of daily calories comes from fat.

2. Which menu has the highest fat content? **Menu #1**
Students are expected to read and follow instructions in every subject area. This strategy asks students to examine different types of instructions, their features and elements, and how the features, language and organizational patterns can be used to help the reader understand and complete a task.

**Purpose**
- Provide students with strategies for reading, interpreting and following instructions to complete a specific task.
- Learn how instructions are organized.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- identify purposes for reading instructions.
- develop a process for reading and following instructions.

**Tips and Resources**
- Instructions give detailed step-by-step information about a process or a procedure (e.g., directions, recipes, experiments, manuals, tests). They are sometimes called procedures or how-tos. Most instructions use organizational patterns, language, and features (diagrams and illustrations, bold or italic type, headings, numbers, lists) to help the reader identify the task and the best way to complete it; however, some instructions are complicated without any features to help the reader determine the sequence of steps.
- For more information, see:
  - Teacher Resource, *Instruction Analysis: Recipe Components (Answer Key)*.
  - Teacher Resource, *Instruction Analysis: Correct Order (Answer Key)*.


**Further Support**
- Provide students with list of typical signal words and task prompts and suggestions/strategies for responding to them in your subject area (e.g., explain, list, summarize, give reasons for, select, choose, support).
- Provide students with flow charts and timelines to help track successful completion of oral or written instructions.
- Create a class framework for reading instructions such as:
  - Preview.
  - Highlight and annotate.
  - Think aloud and visualize.
  - Reread.
  - Go step-by-step.
  - Read the diagrams.
  - Ask questions.
- Have students read a set of instructions that has irrelevant or repeated information, or is poorly organized (you can create this by inserting sentences into or omitting sentences from a sample you already have). Have students identify the irrelevant or repetitious information and sentences, and highlight the important information. Ask students to determine what information is missing. Ask students to rewrite the instructions. Compare the original, the modified example, and the students’ work. Note similarities and differences, and suggest reasons for the writers’ decisions. Have students determine the most effective set of instructions and identify the elements that made the instructions easy to follow.
- Provide students with opportunities to follow oral instructions, and discuss how they were able to complete the instructions and what was challenging, confusing or frustrating.
## Getting Ready to Read: Previewing a Text

### Food and Nutrition   Parts of a Recipe   (unit 2)

### What teachers do

#### Before
- Produce a class set of recipes. See Student/Teacher Resource, *Instruction Analysis: Recipe Components*.
- Ask students to **recall** an important occasion when they had to follow a set of instructions (e.g., proper hand washing technique, operating a sewing machine, setting a table). Discuss what was challenging and easy about following the instructions.
- Ask students to recall what made some instructions effective and easy to follow.
- Make a list of the elements and features of a recipe with the class (e.g., recipe ingredients are listed in order that they are used, ingredients must be carefully measured).
- Compare this list with the list on the Student/Teacher Resource, *Instruction Analysis: Recipe Components*. Identify each of the parts.
- List all the action words found in the recipe method. See Teacher Resource, *Instruction Analysis: Recipe Components (Answer Key)*.
- List all the equipment, which would be needed for this recipe. See Teacher Resource, *Instruction Analysis: Recipe Components (Answer Key)*.
- Make copies of the bacon cornbread recipe that has a set of instructions, which has been scrambled. Working in partners, ask students to recreate the instructions and talk about the clues they used to reconstruct the instructions. See Student/Teacher Resource, *Instruction Analysis: Correct Order*.
- Compare the groups’ reconstruction and discuss the decisions they made. Identify the strategies they used to determine the task and the sequence. See Teacher Resource, *Instruction Analysis: Correct Order (Answer Key)*.
- Using both recipes, model for students how to preview the instructions (look at the list of ingredients, check out the equipment needed, decode the action words).

#### During
- Model reading the introductory material. Provide as many visuals as possible for equipment. Demonstrate signal/action words while reading.
- Ask students to continue reading the instructions using equipment and actions where appropriate.
- Ask small groups to discuss the strategies they used to read the instructions and determine what they were expected to do.
- Ask students how will they know they have followed the instructions correctly.

#### After
- Clarify any confusing sections of the instructions. Use a flow chart to outline the steps, if necessary.
- Have students work in small groups to complete the instructions. Compare the completed tasks.
- Discuss any problems students had and how they were solved.
- Identify confusing or challenging parts and suggest additional strategies.
Instruction Analysis: Recipe Components

Instructions: Review with your teacher the components of the recipe listed here. Below, write definitions for all new terms, such as yield, combine, blend, etc. Next, list all the equipment you will need for this recipe.

Blueberry-Oat Muffins (makes 12 muffins)

- 250 mL rolled oats
- 250 mL buttermilk
- 250 mL all-purpose flour
  - 5 mL baking powder
  - 2 mL baking soda
  - 2 mL salt
- 175 mL lightly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 50 mL melted butter
- 250 mL fresh or frozen blueberries, well drained

1. Combine the rolled oats and buttermilk in a small bowl. Let stand.

2. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Stir well to blend.

3. Add the beaten egg and melted butter to the oat mixture. Mix well.

4. Add oat mixture all at once to the dry ingredients. Stir just until the ingredients are moistened.

5. Gently fold in blueberries.

6. Fill well-greased muffin cups ¾ full.

7. Bake at 400°F (200°C) for 15-20 minutes.

**Instruction Analysis: Correct Order**

**Bacon Cornbread - All Mixed Up!**


- 325 mL flour
- 250 mL cornmeal
- 125 mL sugar
- 7 mL baking powder
- 2 mL baking soda
- 5 mL salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 375 mL evaporated milk
- 20 mL vinegar
- 75 mL melted butter/bacon drippings
- 8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled

- Make a well in dry (flour) ingredients bowl.
- Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients.
- Bake at 350°F for 40 to 45 min.
- In a separate bowl combine egg, evaporated milk, vinegar, and bacon drippings.
- Yield: 16 pieces.
- Pre-heat oven to 350°F.
- In a large bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and crumbled bacon. Stir just until the flour is moistened. Pour into greased 20-cm (8-inch) square pan.

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**Place Method in Correct Order**

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List all action words in the Method:
- beat
- combine
- stir
- add
- mix
- fold
- fill
- bake

List all equipment needed:
- dry measuring cups
- liquid measuring cups
- measuring spoons
- small mixing bowl
- large mixing bowl
- wooden spoon
- rubber spatula
- muffin tin
- oven mitts
- cooling rack
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5. Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients.
6. Stir just until the flour is moistened.
7. Pour into greased 10-cm (8-inch) square pan.
8. Bake 350°F for 40 to 45 min.
Generating Ideas: Rapid Writing

Food and Nutrition  Preventing Kitchen Accidents  (unit 2)

When students engage in rapid writing at the beginning of a writing assignment, they access their prior knowledge, engage with content, review and reflect, and begin to set direction for writing letters, essays, and other subject-based assignments.

Purpose
- Help students to start writing and ultimately to produce more writing.
- Encourage fluency in generating ideas for writing on any topic, in any subject area.
- Help students begin organizing ideas.

Payoff
Students will:
- rapidly generate fresh ideas about topics in any subject area.
- write down ideas without self-editing.
- generate raw material for more polished work.
- complete writing activities on time, overcome writer’s block, and improve test-taking skills.

Tips and Resources
- This strategy is to be used to generate ideas on the prevention of kitchen accidents.
- It is a pre-writing strategy. Students brainstorm ideas and prior knowledge on the topic which will aid in the flow of ideas.
- For more information, see:
  - Student/Teacher Resource, Tips for Rapid Writing.
  - Student Resource, Classifying and Organizing Ideas: Preventing Kitchen Accidents.
  - Student Resource, Home Safety Inspection Audit.


Further Support
- Write the topic on the board, and do not repeat it orally if a student comes in late. Instead, point at the board. This also reinforces the topic for visual learners and for students who have poor aural memory.
- Encourage students to use the rapid writing strategy to overcome anxiety for tests or assignments.
- Use timed writing for parts of a task e.g., as many words as possible in three minutes, then as many more as possible in the next three min, etc.
- Vary criteria; some students may need to work in point form, or stop and break after three minutes.
- Save completed rapid writing samples to use later to teach writing conventions or organization of ideas.
- Vary the amount of time you give to students.
- Post the topic-related vocabulary in the classroom as an aid for struggling students.
Generating Ideas: **Rapid Writing**

**Food and Nutrition  Preventing Kitchen Accidents  (unit 2)**

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<td>• To get students oriented to the topic, take them on a silent walk through the kitchen to help with the generation of ideas or have the students suggest general categories of safety.</td>
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<td>• Debrief.</td>
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<td>• Focus the students’ attention on how their writing can be the starting point for more polished pieces.</td>
<td>• In small groups of 3-4, students classify and organize all their ideas onto the Student Resource, <em>Classifying and Organizing Ideas: Preventing Kitchen Accidents</em>.</td>
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<td>• As follow up, in small groups (3-4), have students begin classifying and organizing all of their ideas. Use Student Resource, <em>Classifying and Organizing Ideas: Preventing Kitchen Accidents</em>.</td>
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<td>• Ask groups to develop 12 guidelines (2 for each category) for each student to use to complete a home safety audit in their own homes to determine the level of accident prevention in their homes and to perhaps recommend changes. See Student Resource, <em>Home Safety Inspection Audit</em>.</td>
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Tips for Rapid Writing

• Write as fast as you can.

• No corrections or erasing allowed.

• Write until your teacher says STOP – do not stop before!

• Don't lift your pen/pencil from the paper or remove your hands from the computer.

• If you get stuck, jumpstart your brain by writing the topic title and extending it to a sentence.

• When your teacher says, “stop,” count and record the number of words you have written.

• Be prepared to discuss your topic; use the writing you have done to start you off.
Classifying and Organizing Ideas: Preventing Kitchen Accidents

A. General Safety Guidelines

B. Preventing Falls

C. Preventing Cuts

D. Using Electricity Safety

E. Preventing Fires and Burns

F. Hazardous Chemicals
# Home Safety Inspection Audit

**Dates of Inspection:**

Day 1: ___________________________

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## GOOD PREVENTION PRACTICES

### KITCHEN ACCIDENTS

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### B. Preventing Falls

| 1.                                                                     |        |           |       |                         |
| 2.                                                                     |        |           |       |                         |

### C. Preventing Cuts

| 1.                                                                     |        |           |       |                         |
| 2.                                                                     |        |           |       |                         |

### D. Using Electricity Safely

| 1.                                                                     |        |           |       |                         |
| 2.                                                                     |        |           |       |                         |

### E. Preventing Fires and Burns

| 1.                                                                     |        |           |       |                         |
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### F. Hazardous Chemicals

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Comments:
Generating Ideas: Adding Content (Pass It On!)

Purpose
- Identify ideas and information that may have been omitted.
- Reconsider and revise initial thinking (such as brainstorming) before writing the first draft.
- Teach students how to question others and themselves.

Payoff
Students will:
- ask who, what, where, when, why and how (5W + H), and predict questions while writing.
- add and support ideas, with the help of others and then on their own.

Tips and Resources
- This activity is a good follow-up to Rapid Writing and Setting the Context (What Do My Readers Want to Know?).
- This strategy may be used before and during writing, especially if students are sharing research.
- For more information, see:
  - Teacher Resource, Adding Content - Annotated Student Sample.
  - Student Resource, Instructions for Adding Content (Pass It On!).
- Provide stick-on notes if students find it too confusing to have other students writing on their work.

Further Support
- Teachers should model the process of asking questions about a piece of writing. Alternatively, teachers may post a piece of personal writing and invite students to ask questions about various parts of the piece.
- Students may use brainstorming or first drafts of any assignment they are working on (e.g., research/planning, paragraphs, summaries, lab reports, essays, answers to questions).
## Generating Ideas: Adding Content (Pass It On!)

### Food and Nutrition  Children and Obesity  (unit 4)

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<td>• Review Teacher Resource, <em>Adding Content: Annotated Student Sample</em> on the topic of <em>Children and Obesity</em>.</td>
<td>• Individually brainstorm or make notes for the topic.</td>
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<td>• Assign the topic, Children and Obesity, to the class.</td>
<td>• Read the instructions with the teacher.</td>
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<td>• Distribute Student Resource, <em>Instructions for Adding Content (Pass It On!)</em>.</td>
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<td>• Review who, what, where, when, why and how (5W + H questions), using the handout.</td>
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<td>• Suggest other possible questions.</td>
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<td>• Remind students of the purpose for this activity – to ask questions (based on what is already there) that they would like the writer to answer.</td>
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<td>• Create groups of 4 to 6 students.</td>
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<td>• Time the students – have them pass their work to the person to their left and add questions to the work that is handed to them. In 3 to 5 minutes, depending on the length of the work, call “time” and have the students pass their work to the left again.</td>
<td>• Within their group, pass work left and quickly skim the work handed to them.</td>
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<td>• Have student continue until the work has been returned to the original author.</td>
<td>• As they read, ask questions based on the 5Ws and how.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to begin answering the questions or making suggestions regarding the questions they see on the papers in front of them, once work has been passed to at least two others in the group.</td>
<td>• Work silently.</td>
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<td>• Use stick-on notes and write comments and questions in margins.</td>
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<td>• Start answering some of the questions others have written on the work, once they have questioned the work of at least two of the people in the group, even though it is not theirs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Use the edited work and the answers to the questions as the basis for a written assignment.</td>
<td>• Try to answer as many of the questions as possible when they get their own work back.</td>
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<td>• Use the questions and answers as the basis for responding to the written assignment.</td>
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Instructions for Adding Content (Pass it On!)

When you build a fire, you need just enough wood to get it started. Usually we start with small pieces and then add the larger ones after the fire gets going. That's what we are going to do with your initial ideas or drafts for writing your _______________ assignment.

The assignment you have written is like a small flame – it's an idea, and you may need to add more ideas to it. Here's an easy way to learn the questions you need to ask in order to add fuel to your fire. You are going to trade work with people in your group and ask questions without talking.

When you are in your group, you will each pass your work to the person on your left. You will work within a time limit, so work quickly.

Don't worry if you don't finish all of the assignment you are looking at – the next person will probably deal with parts that you don't.

**Here’s how to add the fuel…**

**In your groups:**

1. Pass your work to the person on your left. Quickly skim the work that you have received from the person on your right.

2. As you read, ask questions based on the 5Ws and How. Some of your questions might be:
   - What's this all about?
   - What happened?
   - Where did this happen?
   - When did this occur?
   - Who was involved?
   - Why did this occur?
   - What happened as a result?
   - What other choices were possible?
   - How does this affect others?

3. Do not talk until you have passed around all of the work. If you can’t read or understand something, don’t ask the person. Just write down a question or comment, such as “I don’t get this,” or “I can’t read this.”

4. Write in the margin, or at the top of the page, or in the lines – just don’t write on top of someone else’s writing!

5. Once you have questioned the work of at least two of the people in your group, you may want to start answering some of the questions others have written on the work – even if the work is not yours.

6. When you finally get your own work back, try to answer as many of the questions as you can. The information you give will add to whatever you are writing.
Adding Content: Annotated Student Sample

Topic: Children and Obesity

- high calorie diets and low caloric output
- not enough fruits and vegetables in diet
- diet doesn’t meet Canada’s Food Guide requirements
- need to eat whole foods
- inactivity
- fast foods
- poor food choices at school
- busy schedules and life styles
- convenience foods

Why are children inactive?

- fast foods

Which ones are bad? Are there any good ones?

Where in schools can better food choices be made?

How can families change?

- poor family eating patterns
- health risks - short term - long term

Who can make a difference?

Give examples of each.

How many children are affected?
Effective writers use different strategies to sort the ideas and information they have gathered in order to make connections, identify relationships, and determine possible directions and forms for their writing. This strategy gives students the opportunity to reorganize, regroup, sort, categorize, classify and cluster their notes.

**Purpose**
- Identify relationships and make connections among ideas and information.
- Select ideas and information for possible topics and subtopics.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- model critical and creative thinking strategies.
- learn a variety of strategies that can be used throughout the writing process.
- reread notes, gathered information and writing that are related to a specific writing task.
- organize ideas and information to focus the writing task.

**Tips and Resources**
- Strategies for webbing and mapping include:
  - **Clustering** – looking for similarities among ideas, information or things, and grouping them according to characteristics.
  - **Comparing** – identifying similarities among ideas, information, or things.
  - **Contrasting** – identifying differences among ideas, information, or things.
  - **Generalizing** – describing the overall picture based on the ideas and information.
  - **Outlining** – organizing main ideas, information, and supporting details based on their relationship to each other.
  - **Relating** – showing how events, situations, ideas and information are connected.
  - **Sorting** – arranging or separating into types, kinds, sizes, etc.
  - **Trend-spotting** – identifying things that generally look or behave the same.
- For more information, see:
  - Student/Teacher Resource, *Webbing Ideas and Information*.

**Further Support**
- Provide students with sample graphic organizers that guide them in sorting and organizing their information and notes e.g., cluster (webs), sequence (flow charts), compare (Venn diagram).
- Have students create a variety of graphic organizers that they have successfully used for different writing tasks. Create a class collection for students to refer to and use.
- Provide students with access to markers, highlighters, scissors, and glue, for marking and manipulating their gathered ideas and information.
- Select a familiar topic (perhaps a topic for review). Have students form discussion groups. Ask students to recall what they already know about the topic, and questions that they will have about the topic. Taking turns, students record one idea or question on a stick-on note and place it in the middle of the table. Encourage students to build on the ideas of others. After students have contributed everything they can recall about the topic, groups sort and organize their stick-on notes into meaningful clusters on chart paper. Ask students to discuss connections and relationships, and identify possible category labels. Provide groups with markers or highlighters to make links among the stick on notes. Display the groups’ thinking.
### Developing and Organizing Ideas: Webbing, Mapping and More

**Food and Nutrition  Meal Planning (unit 1)**

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<td>• Introduce the topic, Meal Planning, as a writing task.</td>
<td>• Recall what they already know about the topic and writing task.</td>
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<td>• Prepare an overhead transparency or chart-paper sample of possible ideas and information gathered on the topic.</td>
<td>• Make connections to own notes.</td>
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<td>• Using a marker, model for students how to make connections among the ideas and information (e.g., number, circle, colour-code, draw arrows).</td>
<td>• Note the links and connections that the teacher makes among ideas and information. Consider the similarities and differences of their own thinking.</td>
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<td>• Using a strategy such as webbing or mapping makes it easier to see connections and relationships. Writers often use a graphic organizer to manipulate and group their information into meaningful clusters.</td>
<td>• Recall past use of a webbing strategy to record or organize thinking.</td>
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<td>• Use a web to demonstrate the process of rereading notes and arranging key points to show the connections and relationships. See Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Webbing Ideas and Information</em>.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to contribute to the web by identifying important ideas and key information and by suggesting how to place the points to create a web.</td>
<td>• Contribute to the discussion</td>
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| • Ask students questions to clarify the decisions. For example:  
  - What are the big ideas?  
  - Can you identify any patterns and trends?  
  - How are the ideas and information connected?  
  - What evidence or information is missing?  
  - Is a particular viewpoint suggested?  
  - Does the web suggest a writing outline? | • Note the similarities and differences in responses. |
| • Model for students how to use the web to create a possible outline or template for writing a first draft. Consider the generalizations and/or categories that emerge from the connections and relationships, to help identify subtopics, headings and structure. | • Make appropriate additions to the web as ideas are generated. |
| **After**        |                  |
| • Have students refer to their notes for the writing task. | • Reread notes and identify important information and ideas. |
| • Ask students to create a web by sorting and organizing their ideas and information. | • Use the question prompts to re-phrase notes, identify key points, and group the ideas and information to create a web. |
| • Ask students to reread their webs and use them to create an outline for writing. | • Share and compare webs. |
|                  | • Make the connection between the web and possible ways of organizing the information and ideas into a template for writing. |
Webbing Ideas and Information

MEAL PLANNING
Webbing Ideas and Information - Example

**MEAL PLANNING**

- Vegetarian
- Meat & Alternatives
- Grains
  - Fruits & Vegetables
  - Milk Products

**Nutrition**

- Special Diets
  - Low fat
  - Diabetic
  - Milk
  - Nuts
  - Time
  - Skills
  - Equipment

**Resources**

- Stage in Life Cycle
  - Childhood
  - Older Adult
  - Teen

**Budgeting**

- Cost
- Colour
- Texture
- Flavour
- Size/Shape

**Meals with Appeal**

- Temperature
- Smell
Writers revisit their writing as they draft to add, delete and change ideas and information. There are specific strategies writers use to revise their writing. One strategy writers use is ARMS (add, remove, move, substitute). (Faigley and Witte, 1981)

Purpose
- Identify different strategies for reorganizing content.
- Examine and determine effectiveness of sentence and paragraph order.

Payoff
Students will:
- organize writing effectively for different purposes in different subject areas.
- organize ideas and information for clarity and emphasis.

Tips and Resources
- Revising is the process of making sure that the writing says what the writer wants it to say. Most writers look for the biggest problems first and then tackle the smaller ones. For example, a writer may begin with the completeness of the content, accuracy and depth of supporting details and evidence, and the way the writing is organized, then look at style, grammar, spelling and usage. Sometimes it is helpful to consider reviewing the writing by looking at the paragraph, then sentences, and finally words and phrases.
- See Student/Teacher Resource, Paragraph Compare.

Further Support
- Have students select a section of a current writing task that they want to revise, and read it aloud to another student. The partner summarizes/paraphrases the content. The student author notes changes, misunderstandings, and omissions, and then clarifies the partner’s paraphrase. The partner asks questions about the content and the elements of style to clarify the writing’s content and organization. The student author uses the feedback to revise his or her writing.
- Provide students with opportunities to use the computer cut/paste/copy/delete functions to demonstrate their skills in using electronic technology to revise their writing.
- Encourage students to read their writing aloud, and then circle ideas that are confusing, put arrows where information or evidence is missing, and cross out repetitious information or words. This process can also be used to edit writing by circling words and phrases that they wish to improve or that have been overused.
Revising and Editing: **Reorganizing Ideas**

**Food and Nutrition  Fad Diets  (unit 4)**

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<td>- Give students copies of the two paragraphs on the diet industry. (See Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Paragraph Compare.</em>)</td>
<td>- Recall writing that they have revised or wanted to revise. Identify the sorts of changes they wanted to make.</td>
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<td>- Have groups read the paragraphs and discuss which is more effective. Ask students to share responses and justify their reasoning (each version has strengths and weaknesses).</td>
<td>- Make connections between their revising strategies and the strategies demonstrated by the teacher.</td>
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<td>- Have students make suggestions for improving the writing (e.g., add, remove, move, substitute) and determine possible revising questions such as:</td>
<td>- Decide which strategies they might try using to revise their writing.</td>
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<td>- Does it make sense?</td>
<td>- Listen to partner's writing and paraphrase or summarize the content</td>
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<td>- Is the topic clear?</td>
<td>- Note changes, misunderstandings, and omissions, and then clarify the partner's paraphrase.</td>
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<td>- Are there enough reasons/details to support the main ideas?</td>
<td>- Decide which revision strategies to use to improve own writing.</td>
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<td>- Are there examples to support the reasons/details?</td>
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<td>- Are there details not connected to the topic and main idea?</td>
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<td>- Is there a closing sentence and conclusion?</td>
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<td>- Record the revision prompts.</td>
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<td>- Prepare a copy (overhead transparency, chart paper) of a different draft-writing task. Include revision notes such as cross-outs, scribbles, stick-on notes, margin notes, arrows, and inserts.</td>
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<td>- Use a revision strategy to demonstrate revising and reorganizing ideas in a piece of writing e.g., add something to the writing, remove something that confuses or repeats, move a section of the text, substitute a word, phrase, sentence or example.</td>
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<td>- Note that some writers reread their writing and then use numbers to indicate how they want to reorganize their writing. Other writers use scissors to cut up their draft writing to reorganize the ideas and information, then tape it together as a new draft. You may wish to demonstrate this strategy for reorganizing ideas and information.</td>
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<td>- Have students refer to a draft writing task that they want to revise.</td>
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Paragraph Compare

Read the two paragraphs below. Identify the strengths and weaknesses in each paragraph. Which paragraph do you think is more effective? Justify your decision.

Sample Paragraph 1

Fad Diets

I wish it were so easy. Fad diets are dangerous and bad for you. Mostly they cost money, which you don’t get back but you do get back the weight. They can make your body think it is starving because you don’t get near enough calories. You also often don’t get all the foods from the 4 food groups and then don’t get the right number of nutrients. This could have bad consequences for you especially if you are a teen. It would be great to eat all the food you wanted, just take a pill or eat chocolate and still lose weight and keep it off forever. It’s a fad diet if you use diet pills or drugs or eat only grapefruit or think you can lose 10 pounds in one week.

Sample Paragraph 2

Fad Diets

Fad diets want to sell you a dream. A good way to avoid this bad dream is to recognize risky weight loss methods. No good diet recommends you eat only grapefruit, use diet pills, or promises a 10-pound weight loss in one week. Any diet that reduces you daily calorie intake below 800 calories or recommends fasting can’t be good for you. You need foods from all 4 of the food groups. You wouldn’t get all the nutrients necessary for a growing teen, which could have serious consequences. Some plans just want to take your money or want to sell you something. Most people gain back the weight they lost. Fad diets promise you something that isn’t possible. Wake up!
Peer-editing gives students an opportunity to engage in important conversations about how a piece of writing for an assignment in any subject area has been constructed and whether it achieves its purpose, considering the audience. By reading each other’s work, asking questions about it, and identifying areas of concern, students learn a great deal about how to put information together and express ideas effectively.

Purpose
• Encourage students to look at their own and others’ writing with a more knowledgeable, critical eye.

Payoff
Students will:
• have an audience for the writing, other than the teacher.
• develop skills in editing and proof-reading.
• receive peer input about possible errors and areas of concern, in a “low-risk” process.
• have positive, small-group discussions.

Tips and Resources
• For sample writing assignment, see Teacher Resource, Staple Foods of the World: Rice.
• For Fact Sheet on being a good audience, see Student/Teacher Resource, Being a Good Audience for Writing: Staple Foods of the World.
• For a blank sample checklist on peer editing, see Student Resource, Sample Peer-Editing Checklist.
• For a partially completed checklist on peer editing, see Teacher Resource, Sample Peer-Editing Checklist (Answers).
• Other staple foods of the world such as wheat, potatoes, yams, bananas and plantains, cassava, corn, millet or sorghum may be researched, then edited using peer editing.
• Option 1 – Upon completion of the peer-editing task, assign another draft, or a completed final draft, of the same assignment.
• Option 2 – Upon completion of the peer-editing task, provide time for each student to engage in a brief conference with a student who peer-edited his/her piece of writing, to get more complete feedback and a deeper understanding of the comments and suggestions.


Further Support
• Consider balancing each group with students who have varying skills and knowledge to bring to the peer editing process. More capable peer editors will act as models for the students who haven’t yet consolidated the concepts or skills.
• Explain to students that you have designed the triads or groups to include a very creative person, a person with good technical skills, and one or more people who would provide a very honest audience for the writing.
• Consider turning some of the questions into prompts (e.g., The best piece of writing is . . . , I’d like more information about . . . , I was confused by . . . ).
### Revising and Editing: Peer Editing

**Food and Nutrition**  
**Staple Foods of the World**  
(unit 5)

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<td>● Ask students to bring a completed draft of a writing assignment on Staple Foods of the World to class on a specified date.</td>
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<td>● Divide students into groups of three or four.</td>
<td>● Read the example, following the teacher’s answers to the questions on the resource.</td>
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<td>● Distribute Student Resource, <em>Sample Peer-Editing Checklist</em>.</td>
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<td>● Make an overhead of Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Being a Good Audience for Writing</em>.</td>
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<td>● Answer questions for students.</td>
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   - Give directions for the peer editing process:  
     - one group exchanges writing pieces with another group.  
     - group members read the writing pieces, making notes about reactions, questions and concerns.  
     - one group member passes a finished piece.  
   - Remind students that they are not responsible for correcting all the writer’s errors, but that they can underline areas of concern, or circle words that should be checked for spelling or usage. | ● Work in groups to peer edit the sample using the partially completed peer-editing checklist.  
   ● Exchange their pieces of writing with another group.  
   ● Individually read and annotate all 3 or 4 pieces from the group (circling, underlining, and writing questions or comments) as the pieces pass from person to person.  
   ● Remember that the writer owns the writing; therefore the reader is not primarily responsible for correcting all the writer’s errors.  
   ● As a group, discuss each piece and complete a peer editing checklist, arriving at consensus (through discussion) about judgments, and comments.  
   ● Sign or initial the peer editing checklists when the group is done, and return the writing pieces to the original owners. |
| ● Monitor and support the group processes. |                  |
| **After**        |                  |
| ● Give each student time to look at the peer-editing checklist that accompanies the writing pieces.  
   ● Debrief the activity with the class, asking questions such as:  
     - What were the strengths you noticed in the best pieces of writing in various areas (e.g., in the introduction, supporting details or examples, or conclusion)?  
     - What were some typical weaknesses?  
     - What types of things will you have to do to improve your work? | ● Read the peer editing checklists that they receive with their work.  
   ● Take part in the class debriefing discussion.  
   ● Complete subsequent draft, if assigned.  
   ● Confer with one other student to provide more complete feedback and comments or suggestions. |
Staple Foods of the World: Rice

Sample Writing Assignment

For peer-editing, use sheets:
• Student/Teacher Resource, Being a Good Audience for Writing: Staple Foods of the World
• Student Resource, Sample Peer-Editing Checklist

Where does this piece need improvement?

Staple foods play an important part in the life of every country in the world. Rice is one of those foods that people depend on to survive. Did you know that there are over 7,000 varieties of rice grown around the world? It is the second most important and widely used staple food in the world after wheat. Rice is the basic food of more than half the world’s population. For many Asian-born Canadians, it is an important staple of their diet. Most of the world’s supply of rice is produced in China, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Brazil and the Philippines. The rice you last ate came from one of these countries. It was probably planted by hand in rice paddies. Rice has the unique characteristic of being able to germinate and grow in water. Canada does not have the hot, moist climate that is best for growing rice. It is however suitable for growing wild rice. Harvesting of wild rice is done by hand from a boat, which is why it is so expensive. In countries where rice is a staple food, beriberi is quite common. A rice based diet, because of its low protein content, needs to be supplemented with protein and vitamin rich foods such as fruit, vegetables, fish, eggs and meat.


Chapter 6 Grain Products Rice pp. 138-139, pp 143-146.
Being a Good Audience for Writing: Staple Foods of the World

Ask yourself (and the writer) these questions:

• Was the piece on Staple Foods of the World: Rice interesting to read?

• Were the purpose and the audience clear?

• Did the opening sentence or paragraph hook the reader?

• Were the ideas clearly expressed and logically organized?

• Were the paragraphs and sentences easy to understand and follow?

• Were there enough ideas, examples, or supporting details?

• Did the piece end in a satisfying manner?

• Did the writer achieve the purpose of the assignment?
## Sample Peer-Editing Checklist

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Sample Peer-Editing Checklist (Answers)

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**Purpose**
- Provide students with a template to scaffold their understanding of a form of writing and help them organize information before drafting the piece.

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- Students will:
  - learn the common expectations for the form and components of a particular writing assignment.
  - organize their writing and ensure that it meets the requirements of the assignment.

**Tips and Resources**
- To help students understand how to construct a writing assignment, they may first need to deconstruct an example of that assignment. The same template that is used for structuring student writing can be used initially to analyze examples of a writing form. For instance, before having students use the template to write in a specific form, give them an example of the same kind of writing and have them use the template to identify the example’s main idea, supporting details, transitional sentences, etc. Using the template to deconstruct a piece of writing before writing their own version gives students an exemplar from which to work when they begin their own writing. This activity can also be done in pairs or in small groups.
- For information on writing a procedure, see Student/Teacher Resource, *Writing a Procedure*.
- For a sample procedure, see Teacher Resource, *The Steps in Washing Dishes by Hand*.
- For a partially-completed template for writing a procedure, see Student Resource, *Writing a Procedure*.
- For a completed template for writing a procedure, see Teacher Resource, *Template for Writing a Procedure – Answer Key*.
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- The template for any individual writing assignment can be revised to make the modifications or accommodations necessary for students with special needs. For example, reduce the number of paragraphs or supporting details, create differing expectations for research, or for the complexity of the main idea, etc.
## Writing for a Purpose: Writing a Procedure

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Writing a Procedure

What is a procedure?

A procedure is a form of writing that informs the reader about how to do something. A procedure gives detailed instructions that the reader should be able to translate into action. Procedures could be written in Foods and Nutrition Class to outline the steps taken in de-boning a chicken, or as a step-by step explanation of the Muffin Method used to mix the ingredients of muffins together.

In a procedure, you can do the following:

- Begin by identifying the topic or issue and the relevance or importance of knowing how to do the thing that is being explained. For example, writing a procedure for helping you to de-bone a chicken will help you to safely prepare the chicken without cutting yourself. It will also save you money because de-boned chicken pieces cost more.
- Proceed by identifying the intent or goal of the procedure. What is it that will be accomplished if the reader follows the steps identified?
- Make a prediction or create a hypothesis about what will happen if the steps are followed.
- Identify any equipment or materials you will need in order to complete the procedure.
- Write step-by-step instructions related to the procedure. Write in time sequence and provide as much detail as the reader will need to be able to follow the instructions and actually do what it is you are describing.
- Let your readers know how they will know if they have been successful.

How do you write a procedure?

1. Use an organizer such as a flow chart to plan the sequence you will describe. Make a list of the equipment or materials you will need.

2. When writing your instructions, think of who your audience might be. The age and interests of the audience will determine your tone and choice of language. For example, if you were writing instructions for making a casserole for a chef, they would be very different from instructions you would write if the reader had limited food preparation skills.

3. In your conclusion, provide your readers with an indication of how they will know whether or not they have been successful.
The Steps in Washing Dishes by Hand

Washing dishes by hand properly is an important part of kitchen safety and food preparation. Clean utensils do not attract insects or rodents, such as mice. With proper washing of dishes by hand, bacterial growth is prevented. Help keep the kitchen a healthy, sanitary place with proper dish washing techniques.

Follow these guidelines for washing dishes by hand:

1. Keep your work area clean by removing dirty dishes and utensils as you work.
2. Wash and dry dishes and utensils as soon as possible. Do not leave them sitting in the sink for a few hours. This encourages the growth of bacteria and also makes the dish washing process more difficult.
3. Make sure there are several clean dishtowels, sponges and dishcloths available.
4. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before beginning. You may wish to use rubber or plastic gloves to protect you hands.
5. Sort items according to the order in which they will be washed: glasses, cutlery, plates, kitchen tools and cookware. Pre- soak cookware with tough stains.
6. Rinse food from dishes and put to one side of the sink.
7. Fill the sink with hot water and detergent. In a lab situation, add 5 mL (1 tsp) of household bleach to 750 mL (3 cups) of soapy water to sanitize dishes.
8. Wash glasses first. This helps prevent glasses from being broken. Using a glass brush helps prevent accidents.
9. Wash flatware next. Never place sharp knives in the bottom of a sink underneath other dishes. This is an accident waiting to happen. Wash knives individually and remove immediately from water and dry with care.
10. Dishes come next in the sanitizing process. Use a sponge or a dishcloth to wash the dishes. Discard any with chips or cracks for safety reasons.
11. Utensils and greasy cookware are washed last.
12. When necessary refill the sink with hot soapy water.
13. Rinse with hot water and use a clean dishtowel for drying.
14. Put items away immediately in a lab situation as a courtesy to the next class.

By following this procedure, washing dishes by hand, can be done in an organized, quick and safe method. If you find a friend to help you wash and dry the dishes, it can also become a time for you to share the experiences of the day.
## Writing a Procedure

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- Use examples from the Ontario Curriculum Exemplars. A computer lab for word processing is a very effective environment.
- This strategy may be used in conjunction with brainstorming, Think/Pair/Share and other similar strategies.
- For more information, see:
  - Student/Teacher Resource, *I am concerned about eating too much sugar… are artificial sweeteners safe?*


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## Writing for a Purpose: Writing an Information Report

**Food and Nutrition Food Additives: Sugars and Artificial Sweeteners (unit 3)**

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Writing an Information Report

What is an Information Report?

An Information Report is a form of writing that provides information. There are different types of reports, and they can be organized in different ways depending on the purpose and audience. An Information Report is usually based on researched facts or on accurate details of a situation or event, not just on the writer’s own knowledge. You might write an Information Report for Foods and Nutrition Class investigating world hunger or examine nutrition and juvenile diabetes. Informational reports are organized with a summary (or abstract) at the beginning. The purpose of this summary is to give the person reading the report a sense of the main content. The rest of the report fills in the background information, the process by which the information was obtained, and makes recommendations.

How do you write a report?

1. Research your information, finding it in several different sources - e.g., books, magazines, the Internet.

2. Take notes from your sources of the key details that you need. Be sure to record which information comes from which source so that you can give credit to your sources.

3. Use an organizer such as a chart, web, or sub-topic boxes to sort and classify your information into different areas for sub-topics.

4. When writing your introduction, think of who your audience might be. If your report is to be made orally to your classmates, you will want to catch their interest somehow, perhaps by referring to some personal experiences. If your report is for the teacher or for an “expert” on your topic, you should be more formal and to the point, avoiding the use of “I” and being more objective.

5. Develop each sub-topic paragraph with an appropriate topic sentence that shows how the sub-topic links to the topic.

6. Make sure that your sub-topic paragraphs have a logical order and that they flow smoothly. Use sub-headings to guide your reader through a lengthy report with many sub-topics.

7. Write a conclusion that summarizes two or three of the main points you wish to make about your topic. Depending on the type of report, write several recommendations.

8. Give credit to your sources by acknowledging them. List the sources alphabetically by the author’s surname, following the pattern below:

### Information Report Sample

**Food Additives: Sugars/ Sweeteners**

#### Introduction:
Introduce topic and classify it or put it in a category. 

*E.g.*, “Sugars have been given a bad reputation over the past few decades, but science just doesn't support the rumours.”

In two or three sentences, give the reader a “map” of what you plan to do with the topic. Essentially you are naming your sub-topics. 

*E.g.*, “The most important caution about sugar and your health is its role in tooth decay, if we aren't careful to brush and floss. Used in moderation, table sugar, maple syrup, brown or "raw" sugar, honey, or corn syrup can all add enjoyment to healthy eating, by improving the colour, flavour and texture of many healthy food choices.”

#### First sub-topic:
Define your topic and give some general information about it. 

*E.g.*, The writer of this article explains what sugars and sweeteners are and what they do and some examples.

A brief history may also be provided. You may also choose to provide this information in your introduction.

Make several key points with information from your research.

Write a transitional sentence or question. 

*E.g.*, “These sweeteners are extensively tested as food additives, and once they are approved, Health Canada outlines strict rules for each about how they are to be used and how much can be used in food.”

#### Second sub-topic: “Still there are some cautions when using artificial sweeteners”.

Make key points from your research.

Write a transitional sentence.

#### Third sub-topic: 

*E.g.*, “Another group of sweeteners that will sometimes replace sugars in foods are sugar alcohols.”

Make key points from your research.

Write a transitional sentence.

#### Conclusion:
Re-state some of your key points. 

*E.g.*, “As a part of a healthy eating plan, sugars and sweeteners can safely add enjoyment to healthy eating.”

Write an emphatic concluding sentence. 

*E.g.*, “Whether we're talking about children or adults, it's all about balance by choosing foods from the four food groups of Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating and indulging in treats that makes eating one of the greatest pleasures of life.”
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“I am concerned about eating too much sugar… are artificial sweeteners safe?”

Sugars have been given a bad reputation over the past few decades, but science just doesn't support the rumours. The most important caution about sugar and your health is its role in tooth decay, if we aren't careful to brush and floss. Used in moderation, table sugar, maple syrup, brown or "raw" sugar, honey, or corn syrup can all add enjoyment to healthy eating, by improving the colour, flavour and texture of many healthy food choices.

Sugars do provide food energy (calories). A number of artificial or "high intensity" sweeteners have been developed to add sweetness without extra calories. A range of sweeteners fit into this category, including saccharin, cyclamates, aspartame (NutraSweet TM, Equal TM), and sucralose (Splenda TM). These are all much sweeter than table sugar, and are used in tiny amounts in foods. These sweeteners are extensively tested as food additives, and once they are approved, Health Canada outlines strict rules for each about how they are to be used and how much can be used in food. Still, there are some cautions when using artificial sweeteners, for example:

- Aspartame (NutraSweet TM, Equal TM) contains an amino acid (protein building-block) called phenylalanine. People with phenylketonuria (PKU), a rare genetic condition, must restrict the amount of phenylalanine they eat and should avoid using aspartame.

- Acesulfame potassium (Ace-K), one of the newer artificial sweeteners in Canada, may cause problems for people who are on a potassium-restricted diet or sulfa-antibiotic drugs.

Another group of sweeteners that will sometimes replace sugars in foods are sugar alcohols. These include sorbitol, mannitol and xylitol, which are made from fruit and vegetables. These sugar alcohols affect tooth decay and blood sugar levels less than regular sugars, and some of them contain fewer calories than regular sugars. However, they still do provide some calories, and in large amounts they may have a laxative effect, so they are only used in small amounts in products like chewing gums, mints and cough syrups.

The Bottom Line
As a part of a healthy eating plan, sugars and sweeteners can safely add enjoyment to healthy eating. Whether we're talking about children or adults, it's all about balance by choosing foods from the four food groups of Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating and indulging in treats that makes eating one of the greatest pleasures of life.

This question was prepared for the Canadian Health Network by Pierrette Buklis (Ontario), member of Dietitians of Canada. Dietitians of Canada. I am concerned about eating too much sugar; are artificial sweeteners safe? Retrieved 07/03/2004, from: http://www.dietitians.ca/english/faqs/faq_55.html.
When students can get the “picture” of a form of writing in their heads, they feel more confident about creating the final product. A template or framework is a skeletal structure for a writing form that allows students to organize their thought and researched information in order to write a first draft.

**Purpose**
- Provide students with a template to scaffold their understanding of a form of writing and help them organize information before drafting the piece.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- learn the common expectations for the form and components of a particular writing assignment.
- organize their writing and ensure that it meets the requirements of the assignment.

**Tips and Resources**
- To help students understand how to construct a writing assignment, they may first need to deconstruct an example of that assignment. The same template that is used for structuring student writing can be used initially to analyze examples of a writing form. For instance, before having students use the template to write in a specific form, give them an example of the same kind of writing and have them use the template to identify the example’s main idea, supporting details, transitional sentences, etc. Using the template to deconstruct a piece of writing before writing their own version gives students an exemplar from which to work when they begin their own writing. This activity can be done in pairs or in small groups.
- Consider using examples from the Ontario Curriculum Exemplars.
- There are numerous opportunities for application of this strategy in HIF Individual and Family Living course planning. A computer lab for word processing might be very effective and fun for students.
- This strategy may be used in conjunction with brainstorming, Think/Pair/Share and other similar strategies.
- For a fact sheet on writing an explanation, see Student/Teacher Resource, *Writing an Explanation*.
- For a sample, see Teacher Resource, *Writing an Explanation: Stress and Nutrition*.
- For a completed template for writing an explanation, see Student/Teacher Resource, *Template for Writing an Explanation (Stress and Nutrition)*.
- For a template for writing an explanation, see Student Resource, *Template for Writing an Explanation*.


**Further Support**
- The template for any individual writing assignment can be revised to make the modifications or accommodations necessary for students with special needs. For example, reduce the number of paragraphs or supporting details, create differing expectations for research, or for the complexity of the main idea, etc.
### Writing for a Purpose: Writing an Explanation

**Food and Nutrition  Stress and Nutrition** (unit 4)

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• Make an overhead of Student/Teacher Resource, *Writing an Explanation*.  
• Model the method for deconstructing the piece of writing using the example:  
  - Tell students the name of the form of writing is an Explanation.  
  - Ask aloud, “What is the purpose of the first paragraph of the piece of writing?”  
• Ask students to work in groups of four to deconstruct the rest of the example.  
• Engage students in a whole-class discussion following their group work, and record responses about each step stated in the example.  
• Read the example, following the teacher’s oral deconstruction of the sample explanation- Stress and Nutrition.  
• Work in groups to determine what happens in each subsequent step of the explanation by asking, “What happens next?”  
• Contribute responses to the whole-class discussion.  
| • Share a sample of Student Resource, *Template for Writing an Explanation (Stress and Nutrition)* that has been completed. This will consolidate the students understanding of each step of writing an explanation.  
• Review writing an explanation using Student/Teacher Resource, *Writing an Explanation*.  
• Direct students to use the Student Resource, *Template for Writing an Explanation* to organize the information they have prepared/researched for this assignment.  
• Monitor students’ work as they begin completing the template.  
• Read along and participate in class discussion.  
• Read along and listen to review.  
• Complete Student Resource, *Template for Writing an Explanation*.  
| **During** | **After** | • Assign a completion date for the template.  
• Use peer, self, or teacher assessment of the completed template in a subsequent class, before students begin drafting their procedure.  
• May complete Student Resource, *Template for Writing an Explanation* as a homework assignment.  
• May participate in peer or self-assessment of completed templates in a subsequent class.  

Writing an Explanation

What is an explanation?

An explanation is a form of writing that explains how things are or why things are. The focus is on general processes involving non-human participants. Explanations often provide information in a cause-and-effect format.

How do you write an explanation?

Prepare a plan. Notes and diagrams will help organize the necessary information. In the plan, consider the following elements:

• definition of what is being explained
• description of the component parts, if applicable
• explanation of the operation in a cause-and-effect sequence
• description of the application
• interesting comments, special features or evaluation.
Writing an Explanation: Stress and Nutrition

Winning the lottery, losing a family member, the birth of a baby, getting a new job or losing one, rush hour traffic, getting married, separated, or divorced, a broken leg, noise where you work. The list of examples of stress is virtually endless. Stress can be defined as any emotional, physical, social, economic, or other factor that requires change. The greater the change, the greater the stress experienced.

Stress can be both positive and negative. Psychological factors such as emotional tension, anxiety, or excitement can cause stress. Physical factors such as injury to the body or infection can also lead to stress.

Too much stress can be detrimental to your physical and mental well-being. Your body is physiologically prepared to deal with stressful situations using a survival mechanism known as the "fight or flight" response.

The fight or flight response involves how your body reacts to stress. When you experience stress, your heart pumps faster, your blood vessels to the skin become narrower, you breathe faster, your pupils in your eyes widen, and you become more alert.

A constant fight or flight response will lead to a decrease in your productivity and poorer health. Too much stress leads to burn out.

Nutrition and Stress - Are They Related?

Your Diet Can Be Your Source of Stress.
Poor eating habits such as skipping meals, consuming too much caffeine, sugar, salt, fat, or alcohol, vitamin overdoses, overeating, under eating, or dieting put the body under stress.

Poor eating habits can lead to health problems such as obesity, hypertension, high blood cholesterol levels or various nutrient deficiencies. Poor eating habits such as a high fat and low fibre diet may increase your risk for heart disease, certain cancers, obesity, hypertension, and diabetes.

Your Diet Can Affect Your Body’s Ability to Handle Stress.
During stressful situations, your body requires energy to perform the fight or flight response. The foods you eat provide energy in the forms of carbohydrate, protein, and fat. Your body draws upon its stores of carbohydrate (stored as glycogen in the liver and muscles), protein (stored mainly in muscles) and fat (body fat stores) to provide energy for the stress response. Calcium is also required during stress. Your body removes calcium from the bones when it is needed.

A healthy body has tissues and stores containing optimum amounts of all essential nutrients. A healthy body is best prepared for stress. You can prepare your body for stressful situations by eating a variety of foods from Canada’s Food Guide to Healthy Eating and enjoying regular physical activity.

Stress Can Affect Your Nutrient Needs.
If your body does not have enough vitamins and minerals stored in the body or taken in the diet daily, you may not be equipped to defend yourself in stressful situations. You may not need a vitamin and mineral supplement to meet your everyday nutrient needs. Follow Canada’s Food Guide to Healthy Eating and enjoy a variety of foods from each food group. That will ensure that you meet your vitamin and mineral requirements. Severe physical stresses have a much greater effect on your nutritional requirements. Nutrients commonly affected by extreme stresses include protein, zinc, calcium, vitamins A and C, and iron. Energy requirements also increase significantly during very stressful periods.
How to Cope with Stress

Stress affects everyone. Stress-free living is practically impossible and probably not very exciting. We all need some level of positive stress in our lives. What is important is to learn how to deal with stress.

Good nutrition is one way to keep you functioning at your best. Enjoy a variety of foods from the food guide every day. Make your diet work for you, not against you.

Be careful with stress supplements. Excessive amounts of individual vitamins or minerals may cause an imbalance in nutrients and make it more difficult to cope with stress. Unnecessary supplements are costly, too. Spend your dollars wisely on a well-balanced diet instead. If you have questions about nutrition supplements, ask your doctor or a registered dietician.

Moderate your caffeine intake. Caffeine is a stimulant. It makes your heart beat faster, makes you restless, makes you need to urinate more frequently, and may upset your stomach. Too much caffeine may add to existing nervousness and irritability.

Avoid fad diets. The rapid loss of fluids and weight is hard on your body. Hunger itself can interfere with your coping skills. Try to achieve and maintain a healthy weight by healthy eating and regular physical activity, not by starving yourself.

Eat if you can. Stress often suppresses your appetite. Eat smaller, more frequent meals and drink plenty of fluids. Your body retains sodium during stress; therefore, extra water will help keep a better fluid balance in the body.

Don't eat too much! Some people eat more and too much during stressful times. Instead of reaching for food, enjoy physical activity to relieve anxiety. When you do reach for food, have plenty of low fat snacks easily accessible. Go easy on the salt and sugar, too.

Listen to your body. Are you really hungry? If not, do something else - take the dog for a walk, get some fresh air, call a friend.

Learn to balance work with play, relax, get enough sleep and rest, work off tension, talk about your problems, accept what you cannot change, and get away from your stress once in a while.

For more information, call a public health dietician at the Middlesex-London Health Unit at 663-5317.

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# Template for Writing an Explanation (Stress and Nutrition)

**Introduction:**

- **What is the topic?** Stress and Nutrition
- **Why is it of interest to us?** Stress affects everyone daily.

**Definition:**

- **What is it?** “Stress can be defined as any emotional, physical, social, economic, or other factor that requires change. The greater the change, the greater the stress experienced.”

**How it works:**

- **Causes** “Psychological factors such as emotional tension, anxiety, or excitement can cause stress. Physical factors such as injury to the body or infection can also lead to stress.”
- **Effects** “Too much stress can be detrimental to your physical and mental well-being.”  
  “A constant fight or flight response will lead to a decrease in your productivity and poorer health. Too much stress leads to burn out.”

**Applications:**

- **Other examples/illustrations** “Poor eating habits such as skipping meals, consuming too much caffeine, sugar, salt, fat, or alcohol, vitamin overdoses, overeating, under eating, or dieting put the body under stress.”
- **Variations** “Your Diet Can Affect Your Body's Ability to Handle Stress.”  
  “Stress Can Affect Your Nutrient Needs.”  
  If your body does not have enough vitamins and minerals stored in the body or taken in the diet daily, you may not be equipped to defend yourself in stressful situations.

**Comments/evaluation of topic/issue/problem:**

At times it is difficult to balance all the pieces of your life. This is an important topic because everyone faces stress. As the article says:  
“Learn to balance work with play, relax, get enough sleep and rest, work off tension, talk about your problems, accept what you cannot change, and get away from your stress once in a while.”
# Template for Writing an Explanation

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**Comments/evaluation of topic/issue/problem:**
Pair Work: Take Five

Food and Nutrition Review of Nutrient Diseases (unit 3)

In pairs, students take five minutes to orally review a concept and present it to the class, usually at the beginning or end of a class period.

Purpose
- Briefly consolidate or reinforce learning.

Payoff
Students will:
- develop a strategy that can be used to review content material in all areas.
- share responsibility for teaching and reviewing with each other.
- “talk” their way into meaning and understanding through verbal rehearsal.
- perceive continuity with content from class to class, especially when a lot of material is being covered quickly.

Tips and Resources
- Use this review-and-share strategy on a regular basis to reinforce the learning of subject-specific vocabulary.
- Have the take-five pairs present their reviews on sheets of chart paper, which you can then post in the classroom for ongoing review.
- Try not to pair students who are too far apart in their ability or understanding of the material.

Further Support
- ESL students may benefit from pairing with a partner who speaks the same first language so that they can clarify the concepts in their first language and build more confidently on their prior knowledge.
### Pair Work: Take Five

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<td>• Decide on a concept from the previous day’s lesson for review and consolidation. See Teacher Resource, <em>Nutrient Review.</em></td>
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<td>• Arrange students in “take five” buddies, with a designated student A and student B in each pair.</td>
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<td>• Let students know that each pair will be responsible for reviewing the nutrient with the whole class.</td>
<td>• Review notes, texts, and other materials relating to the concept being discussed.</td>
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<td>• Each pair of students is assigned a different nutrient to review.</td>
<td>• Consolidate learning through sharing, discussion, and clarifying the concepts together.</td>
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<td>• Task for students designated A: Describe three functions of the nutrient and four good food sources for the assigned nutrient.</td>
<td>• Plan how to present the concept to the class if called upon to do so.</td>
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<td>• Task for students designated B: Describe the deficiency and/or toxicity condition for the assigned nutrient by naming the condition(s) and giving the symptoms for the condition.</td>
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<td>• Each pair combines and discusses the information before presenting to the class.</td>
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<td>• Ask each pair to write the nutrient on the board (or on chart paper) and review it with the class.</td>
<td>• Support each other as a team in recalling and explaining the details to the class.</td>
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<td>• Repeat the process, if appropriate, by rearranging the pairs and setting another Think/Pair/Share task for review and discussion.</td>
<td>• Develop and practise the skills of explaining, rephrasing, and clarifying for the class.</td>
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### Nutrient Review

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<th>Vitamin</th>
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<td>Vitamin A</td>
<td>- helps body to use calcium and phosphorous</td>
<td>- made on skin in sunlight</td>
<td>- bones become soft and deformed</td>
<td>- nausea, loss of appetite, diarrhea</td>
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<td>- needed for healthy bones and teeth</td>
<td>- fortified milk, cod liver oil</td>
<td>- teeth become soft</td>
<td>- kidney stones</td>
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<td>- helps keep nervous system and heart working properly</td>
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<td>- body cannot absorb calcium</td>
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Pair Work: Timed Retell

Food and Nutrition  Social Science Research Investigation  (unit 1)

In this strategy, students practise their listening and speaking skills. Students divide into pairs and take turns speaking, listening, and retelling information in timed steps.

Purpose
- Enhance critical thinking skills.
- Create an argument and be concise in its delivery.
- Develop attentive listening skills while sharing viewpoints on an issue.
- Make connections between written and oral skills.

Payoff
Students will:
- share ideas.
- develop listening skills.
- apply skills in different ways - in pairs, small groups, and with the whole class.

Tips and Resources
- Timed Retell can be informal or more formal. The formal approach requires that students are confident in using the required skills.
- Students may make notes during the brief presentations given by their partners.
- It is possible to use this activity with more extensive subject matter. Students will need time to properly research the topic and devise their arguments.
- Additional information about peer editing is found in Writing Strategies: Revising and Editing, pp.132-135 in Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7-12.
- Additional information about Social Science Research is available at www.ofslc.org.
- For more information, see:
  - Teacher Resource, Social Science Model.
  - Student/Teacher Resource, Social Science Research Questions.

Further Support
- The struggling student may feel uncomfortable speaking in front of the whole class. Students should be given other opportunities to share and practise speaking skills before this assignment.
- Consider pairs carefully. For example, ESL students may benefit from pairing with a partner who speaks the same first language so that they can clarify concepts in their first language and build more confidently on prior knowledge.
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<td>• Review Social Science research method.  See Teacher Resource, <em>Social Science Research Model</em>.</td>
<td>• Individually brainstorm and record ideas about both sides of the question or issue.</td>
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<td>• Students will focus on Stage 1 of the process, <em>Preparing for Research</em>.</td>
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<td>• Choose relevant research questions that will invite debate.  See Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Social Science Research Questions</em>.</td>
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<td>• Put students in pairs, facing each other. Each pair selects a research question from the list prepared.</td>
<td>• Decide who will be partner A and who will be Partner B.</td>
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<td>• Ask all partner A students to begin by speaking on the “for” side of the issue. Partner A will talk for one minute, while partner B listens.</td>
<td>• Partner A speaks for one minute, convincing partner B as much as possible.</td>
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<td>• Ask partner B to retell what was said for one minute.</td>
<td>• Partner B listens carefully and retells partner A’s argument.</td>
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<td>• At the end of one minute, ask partner B to present the opposing side of the argument.</td>
<td>• Partner B wraps up the retell and then gives the opposing argument.</td>
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<td>• Ask partner A to then retell partner B’s argument.</td>
<td>• Partner A listens carefully and retells partner B’s argument.</td>
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<td>• Invite students to devise a research strategy appropriate for their topic.</td>
<td>• Write a carefully constructed outline of the research strategy for this topic.</td>
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<td>• A &amp; B pairs will need to state what would be required to carry out research on this topic, consider ethical issues, and devise a primary research strategy.</td>
<td>• Read the outline to the partner to ensure that no important details have been omitted.</td>
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<td>• Have students read their plans to the class.</td>
<td>• Peer-edit outlines for sentence structure, grammar, and mechanical errors.</td>
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<td>• Organize the class to discuss the feasibility of the research and to add to further ideas and/or approaches for conducting the research.</td>
<td>• Read their outline to the class.</td>
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<td>• Present viewpoints or comments to each presentation group.</td>
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Social Science Research Model

STAGE I  Defining question…

Preparing for Research

1. Define the topic of investigation
2. Find out what others have learned about the topic
3. Specify the research question

STAGE II  Locating information…

Accessing Resources

4. Access the requirements for carrying out the research
5. Consider ethical issues
6. Devise a research strategy

STAGE III  Evaluating information…

Processing Information

7. Gather data
8. Interpret the data

STAGE IV  Presenting information…

Transferring Learning

9. State your conclusions
10. Share your results

Source:  www.ofslc.org
Social Science Research Questions

1. Babies should never drink juice.
2. Energy enhancing products and sport drinks enhance performance.
3. Certain foods have the ability to cure diseases.
4. Skipping meals helps individuals to lose weight.
5. The fast food industry is a major cause of obesity today.
6. The lifestyle of teenagers prevents them from eating in a healthy manner.
7. Peanut butter should be banned from all public places.
8. Fish should be eaten at least twice a week.
9. Children choose to become overweight.
10. Teenagers should follow vegan dietary patterns.
12. Carbohydrates cause weight gain.
13. Eating whole foods is better for you than vitamin supplements.
14. Omega-3 eggs are better than white eggs.
Small-group Discussions: Jigsaw

Food and Nutrition Labeling (unit 2)

Jigsaw is a complex form of cooperative learning and it is important that students have experience with small group learning skills before they are involved in jigsaw. Jigsaw is a cooperative learning technique that provides students with an opportunity to actively help each other in their learning. Each student is assigned to a “home group” of three to five, and “expert group” consisting of members from different home groups. Students meet in their expert group to discuss specific ideas or solve problems. They then return to their home group, where all members share their expert knowledge.

Purpose

- Encourage group sharing and learning in a particular task.
- Provide struggling learners with more opportunities to comprehend meaning and ask for explanations than they would normally get in a whole-class situation with the teacher as leader.

Payoff

Students will:

- increase their comprehension and have a compelling reason for communication.
- receive support and clarification from other students.
- share responsibility for each other’s learning as they use critical thinking and social skills to accomplish the learning task.
- gain self-confidence through their contributions to the group effort.

Tips and Resources

- Create mixed-ability expert groups so that students of varying skills and abilities have the opportunity to learn from each other as they become experts on the material.
- As students enter the classroom, hand out cards with the expert group numbers or symbols on them, in order to manage the logistics of breaking off into expert groups. The various readings can also be coded in this manner for easy distribution.
- Provide a question sheet or chart to help the expert groups gather information in their particular area.
- Prepare a summary chart to guide students in organizing the experts’ information into a cohesive and meaningful whole.
- As another option, have the expert groups make presentations to the entire class on their section of the reading material. During the presentations, each student takes cumulative notes or fills in an information organizer, resulting in a complete picture of the reading when all of the presentations have been done.
- Student Question Sheets (Resources 1-7) and Teacher Answer Sheets (Resources 1-7) are provided for the following: labelling organic foods, labelling genetically engineered foods, labelling products with a grade name, food labelling; basic information, nutrition labelling, labelling- durable life of foods, and labelling- making informed food choices about fat.

Beyond Monet, pp. 158-159.
Reading, Writing and Learning in ESL, pp. 337-338.
Teaching Reading in Social Studies, Science and Math, pp. 264-266.

Further Support

- Give students a framework for managing their time on the various parts of the jigsaw task.
- Circulate to ensure that groups are on task and managing their work well. Ask groups to stop and think about how they are checking for everyone’s understanding and ensuring that everyone’s voice is heard.
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<td>• If appropriate, convene the class as a whole group to review and share learning or to enable expert groups to present to the entire class.</td>
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Labelling Organic Foods- Question Sheet

Labelling Organic Foods

Step 1


Step 2

Answer the following questions:

1. What is required for a product to be labelled “organic” by the National Organic Standard of Canada?

2. What are the six principles of the National Organic Standard of Canada for organic production?
Small-group Discussions: Jigsaw

Labelling Organic Foods- Answer Sheet

Labelling Organic Foods

Step 1

Step 2
Answer the following questions:

1. What is required for a product to be labelled “organic” by the National Organic Standard of Canada?
   - The product must be made up of at least 95% organic ingredients.

2. What are the six principles of the National Organic Standard of Canada for organic production?
   - protect environment, minimize soil degradation, minimize erosion, decrease pollution, and focus on biological productivity
   - use crop rotation, composting, and permitted supplemental nutrients
   - no synthetic pesticides
   - recycle materials and resources
   - maintain healthy livestock
   - genetically engineered and/or modified organisms are prohibited
Labelling Genetically Engineered Foods- Question Sheet

Labelling Genetically Engineered Foods in Canada

Step 1


Step 2

Answer the following questions:

1. All food labelling, including Genetically Engineered Foods in Canada, is governed under what Act?

2. What are the four guidelines for labelling genetically modified foods in Canada?
Small-group Discussions: Jigsaw

Labelling Genetically Engineered Foods- Answer Sheet

Labelling Genetically Engineered Foods in Canada

Step 1

Step 2
Answer the following questions:

1. All food labelling, including Genetically Engineered Foods in Canada, is governed under what Act?
   - Food and Drugs Act.

2. What are the four guidelines for labelling genetically modified foods in Canada?
   - Require mandatory labelling if health/safety concern from allergens or significant nutrient or compositional change.
   - Ensure labelling is understandable, truthful, not misleading.
   - Permit voluntary positive labelling providing claim is factual and not misleading/deceptive.
   - Permit voluntary negative labelling providing claim is factual and not misleading/deceptive.
Labelling Products with a Grade Name - Question Sheet

Grading Practices and Labelling Products with a Grade Name

Step 1

Step 2
Answer the following:

1. State three reasons why products are labelled with grade names.

2. What are the four guidelines for labelling graded products in Canada according to federal law?
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<td>- A food product advertised with the price must also include the grade if there is more than one grade available.</td>
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<td>- A grade name must not be used if that product does not have a grade in the regulations.</td>
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<td>- Grade names can only be used on products that they are intended for.</td>
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<td>- Imported food products can be advertised with the legal grade of the country of origin. “Canada” cannot be used in the grade name unless the foods are processed in Canada to a certain percentage.</td>
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**Food Labelling: Basic Information - Question Sheet**

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Food Labelling: Basic Information - Answer Sheet

Food Labelling: Basic Information

Step 1

Step 2
Answer the following questions:

1. Why is it important to know how to read a label on packages?
   - Helps you determine quality, nutrient content and ingredients of a product.

2. What are four basic pieces of information on all food labels? Explain each.
   - **Common name** - What food is in the container.
   - **Net quantity** - How much food is in the container.
   - **Company** - Who manufactured, packed, and distributed the food and location.
   - **Ingredient list** - Listed from largest to smallest by weight.
Small-group Discussions: Jigsaw

Nutrition Labelling - Question Sheet

Nutrition Labelling

Step 1

Step 2
Answer the following questions:

1. For most foods that are sold pre-packaged, what information is mandatory on the package?

2. What information is found on a “Nutrition Facts” table?
Small-group Discussions: Jigsaw

Nutrition Labelling - Answer Sheet

Nutrition Labelling

Step 1

Step 2
Answer the following questions:

1. For most foods that are sold pre-packaged, what information is mandatory on the package?
   - “Nutrition Facts” table
   - Ingredients list

2. What information is found on a “Nutrition Facts” table?
   - core list of 13 nutrients
   - % Daily value of a nutrient
   - specific serving size amount
   - energy shown in calories
   - other nutrients that are not part of core list
Small-group Discussions: Jigsaw

Labelling- Durable Life of Foods - Question Sheet

Labelling- Durable Life of Foods

Step 1

Step 2
Answer the following:

1. Define **durable life** of a food.

2. State two ways durable life may be presented on a product. Explain each.

3. What products do not need “durable life” information on them?
Small-group Discussions: Jigsaw

Labelling- Durable Life of Foods - Answer Sheet

Labelling- Durable Life of Foods

Step 1


Step 2

Answer the following:

1. Define durable life of a food.
   - Length of time an unopened product will maintain qualities e.g., taste, nutritional value that it is recognized as having if properly stored.

2. State two ways durable life may be presented on a product. Explain each.
   - “Best before” dates must be on foods with durable life of 90 days or less when packaged at any level of trade other than at retail store. If food needs to be stored other than room temperature, information on how to store the food item must come with the “Best before” date e.g., “keep refrigerated”.
   - “Packaged on” dates must be on foods with a durable life of 90 days or less that are packaged at a retail store. “Durable life” information (“Best before” and storage information e.g., “Keep Refrigerated) must be on actual label or a poster next to the food as well.

3. What products do not need “durable life” information on them?
   - Fresh fruits and vegetables, donuts, individual portions of foods sold by restaurants, automatic vending machines and mobile canteens.
Small-group Discussions: Jigsaw

Labelling- Making Informed Food Choices about Fat - Question Sheet

Labelling- Making Informed Food Choices about Fat

Step 1


Step 2

Answer the following questions:

1. Where on a label can you find the amount of hidden fat (fat that is part of the ingredients) in a product?

2. What other information should you look for on a label regarding fat?
Small-group Discussions: Jigsaw

Labelling- Making Informed Food Choices about Fat - Answer Sheet

Labelling- Making Informed Food Choices about Fat

Step 1


Step 2

Answer the following questions:

1. Where on a label can you find the amount of hidden fat (fat that is part of the ingredients) in a product?
   - Ingredients list
   - “Nutrition Facts” table

2. What other information should you look for on a label regarding fat?
   - “low in fat”
   - “fat-free”
   - “lean”
   - “extra lean”
   - Milk and milk products have the % of milk fat (m.f.) listed on the label. The lower the % of milk fat on the label, the lower the product fat content.
Small Group Discussions: **Four Corners**

Food and Nutrition  Breakfast  (unit 3)

In this strategy, students individually consider an issue and move to an area in the room where they join others who share their ideas. The beauty of this strategy is that it is flexible and can be used for many topics, questions and subject areas.

**Purpose**
- Allow students to make personal decisions on various issues; encourage critical thinking.
- Encourage an exchange of ideas in small groups.
- Facilitate whole-class discussion of these ideas.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- make up their own minds on an issue.
- speak freely in a relaxed environment.
- think creatively and critically.

**Tips and Resources**
- Encourage students to make up their own mind concerning the issue.
- Possible Variations:
  - Consider using more than four areas for response, - even six responses can work well with various questions.
  - Try using only two responses; draw a line dividing the room, and ask students to stand on one side of it, depending on their decision.
  - Vary the approach by creating a value line. Ask students to rank themselves by lining up in a single line of a continuum, from strongly agree to strongly disagree. This will make student exchanges a necessity so that students can discover exactly where they fit on the line.
  - This strategy would work well as a forum in which students could share a poster or project they have created. In this case students would take their work to one of the corners to share, compare and discuss with other students. This is a very helpful option for students prior to handing work in to the teacher.
- The following five statements can be used in this activity:
  1. Skipping breakfast helps you lose weight.
  2. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.
  3. A doughnut for breakfast is a nutritious meal.
  4. Eating breakfast will help you stay awake in period two.
  5. Seven year olds are smarter if they eat breakfast.
- This strategy could be used for other topics such as:
  - Organic foods (Statement for consideration-Organic vegetables are healthier than other vegetables.)
  - Brown eggs (Statement for consideration-Brown shelled eggs are more nutritious than white shelled eggs.)
- See Teacher Resource, **Four Corners – Breakfast** for an example of how to use this strategy.

**Further Support**
- The teacher may need to encourage some students and promote equal responses in groups.
# Small Group Discussions: Four Corners

**Food and Nutrition  Breakfast (unit 3)**

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<td>• Create a statement or question for students to ponder regarding breakfast that has the potential for varying degrees of agreement or preference. See Tips and Resources for four possible topics.</td>
<td>• Carefully ponder the statement about breakfast, making a personal decision as to the position they will take.</td>
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<td>• Organize the room into four areas (corners) and label with: strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree or with four descriptors/categories.</td>
<td>• Fully understand the statement posed about breakfast.</td>
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<td>• Give students ample opportunity to think about the question and take a position. Students need to be encouraged to make their own choices.</td>
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<td>• A minute or two should be adequate time; ensure that this is spent quietly so that students make their own choices.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to move to the corner that best represents their stance on the issue.</td>
<td>• Move to the corner that best describes their personal views on the issue.</td>
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<td>• Direct students to get into groups of three (if possible) to discuss the reasons for their choices. In cases where the groups are not large enough, pairs may be formed. In cases where only one student is in a group, the teacher could act as the other member of the pair.</td>
<td>• Engage in an exchange of ideas with other members of their group, remaining open and communicative.</td>
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<td>• Ensure that everyone is heard and that everyone in the group shares equally.</td>
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<td>• Call upon various groups to share information gathered in small-group discussions with the whole class.</td>
<td>• Prepare to speak to the class about the group's discussions regarding the statements about breakfast, noting common reasons and differing opinions.</td>
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<td>• Highlight their group's main points with the class, pointing out commonalities and discrepancies.</td>
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<td>• Ensure that each member of the group has something to share with the class.</td>
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Four Corners - Breakfast

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree

3 Disagree
4 Strongly Disagree

Skipping breakfast helps you lose weight.
CONTENTS: Individual and Family Living

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What we already know determines to a great extent what we will pay attention to, perceive, learn, remember, and forget. (Woolfolk, 1998)

An Anticipation Guide is a series of questions or statements (usually 8 to 10) related to the topic or point of view of a particular text. Students work silently to read and then agree or disagree with each statement.

Purpose

• Help students to activate their prior knowledge and background experience, and think about the ideas they will be reading.
• Encourage students to make a personal connection with a topic, or unit of work, so that they can integrate new knowledge with their background experience and prior knowledge.

Payoff

Students will:
• connect their personal knowledge and experience with a curriculum topic or issue.
• engage with topics, themes and issues at their current level of understanding.
• have a purpose for reading subject-area text.
• become familiar and comfortable with a topic before reading unfamiliar text.

Tips and Resources

• An anticipation guide works best when students are required to read something that contains unfamiliar information. The idea of the guide is to raise students’ awareness of related issues and help them make connections with what is familiar and unfamiliar about the text.
• In creating an anticipation guide, write open-ended statements that challenge students’ beliefs. Avoid using statements that are ‘right’ or ‘wrong’, or that ask simply for a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ response.
• For ideas to help craft the statements, see Student/Teacher Resource, Anticipation Guide – Sample Statements based on Chapter 5 of Individual and Family Living in Canada.
• For a blank anticipation guide for this activity, see Student Resource, Anticipation Guide Template.
• Do not be limited by published textbook material. Consider a newspaper article, magazine article, government/social organization’s webpage or a brochure/pamphlet as appropriate forms of text to present. In Family Studies, oftentimes these less traditional information resources are more current and relevant to the students’ lives.

Further Support

• Put students in pairs to complete the anticipation guide if they are having trouble making connections with the theme or topic, or if they need support with the language (for example, ESL students).
• To provide an opportunity for struggling students to contribute in a more supportive situation, divide the class into small groups of four or five and ask them to tally and chart their responses before participating in a whole-class discussion.
• Read statements aloud to support struggling readers.
### Getting Ready to Read: Anticipation Guide

**Individual and Family Living   Relationships (unit 2)**

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<td>• Preview the resource to find themes or main ideas. Number off the paragraphs if using an information article before providing this resource to the students</td>
<td>• Working individually, read each statement on the anticipation guide and check off the most appropriate responses.</td>
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<td>• Using <strong>Student Resource, Anticipation Guide Template</strong>, create a one-page anticipation guide with eight to ten general statements about these themes, each requiring the reader to agree or disagree; e.g., “Our acquaintances are equally as important to us as our best friends.” (See Student/Teacher Resource, <strong>Anticipation Guide – Sample Statements</strong>, for other examples).</td>
<td>• Contribute responses in the class discussion and explain them.</td>
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<td>• Distribute copies of the anticipation guide to the students. Explain that this is not a test, but an opportunity for them to explore their own thoughts and opinions. They are to complete the guide first individually, and then share their thoughts in a whole-class discussion.</td>
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<td>• To engage students in a whole-class discussion, start with a simple hand-count of the numbers of students who agreed or disagreed with a particular statement. Then ask the students who disagreed to share their thinking, followed by those students who agreed with the statement.</td>
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<td>• Record (or ask a student to record) some of the key points made during the discussion, using a T-chart (agree/disagree) on the board or an overhead transparency.</td>
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<td>• Explain the topic of the reading assignment and how it connects with the anticipation guide statements and discussion.</td>
<td>• Read the assigned resource (certain pages, a chapter, or alternative resource such as a magazine or newspaper article) and record the page numbers or paragraph numbers beside each agree/disagree statement (for information that relates to the issue).</td>
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<td>• Ask students to keep the guide beside the resource as they read it, so that they can record the page numbers or paragraph numbers that correspond to the issues on the anticipation guide.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to return to the anticipation guide statements and to make notes from what they have discovered in the resource that may confirm or change their opinions.</td>
<td>• Make notes that confirm or change their opinions for each of the statements.</td>
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Anticipation Guide - Sample Statements

- Circle 'Agree' or 'Disagree' beside each statement below before you begin the assigned reading.
- Following our discussion of these statements, you will read Chapter 5 in the textbook, *Individual and Family Living in Canada*, noting page numbers that relate to each statement.
- When you have finished the assigned reading, consider each statement again based on any new information you may have read. Circle 'Agree' or 'Disagree' beside each statement and then check to see whether your opinion has changed based on new evidence.

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<td>Family relationships change as time passes.</td>
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<td>It is possible to be friends with someone even if you have no common interests.</td>
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<td>10. Agree/ Disagree</td>
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Anticipation Guide Template

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Students are required to learn, on average, over 2,000 words each year in various subject areas. Those who have trouble learning new words will struggle with the increasingly complex terms that they encounter in the middle and senior years. A word wall is a wall, chalkboard, or bulletin board listing key words that will appear often in a new unit of study, printed on card stock and taped or pinned to the wall/board. The word wall is usually organized alphabetically.

Purpose
- Identify unfamiliar vocabulary and create a visible reference in the classroom for words that will appear often in a topic or unit of study.

Payoff
Students will:
- practise skimming and scanning an assigned reading before dealing with the content in an intensive way. Students will then have some familiarity with the location of information and with various elements of the text.
- develop some sense of the meaning of the key words before actually reading the words in context.
- improve comprehension and spelling because key words remain posted in the classroom.

Tips and Resources
- Skimming and Scanning are necessary techniques for creating a word wall. Skimming means to read quickly – horizontally – through the text to get a general understanding of the content and its usefulness. Scanning means to read quickly – vertically or diagonally – to find single words, facts, dates, names, or details. See Student Resource, Skimming and Scanning to Preview Text.
- Students should be familiar with Analyzing the Features of a Text (Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7-12, pp. 12-13).
- Word walls are particularly effective at the beginning of a topic of study e.g., adolescent development, communication, conflict management. Students become familiar with key words and concepts that will be repeated over the duration of the topic. By listing individual words or terms separately on card stock, and taping or pinning them to a wall, chalkboard, or bulletin board, students recognize and retain the meaning of key words and concepts.
- Suggested readings:

Further Support
- Add a picture to the word cards (preferably a photograph from a magazine) as a support for ESL students and struggling readers.
- Provide each student with a recording sheet so that they can make their own record of the key words for further review.
- If it appears that students will need additional support, review the terminology on the word wall in the two classes following this activity, using Take Five or Think/Pair/Share, which are described in the Oral Communication section of the Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7-12.
# Getting Ready to Read: Extending Vocabulary (Creating a Word Wall)

**Individual and Family Living  Adolescent Development (unit 2)**

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<td>• Preview chosen text for key vocabulary. See suggested readings from Individual and Family Living.</td>
<td>• Review <em>Skimming and Scanning</em> as outlined by the teacher.</td>
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<td>• Prepare strips of card stock (approximately 4” × 10”) for words, terms and concepts.</td>
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<td>• Review the techniques of <em>Skimming and Scanning</em>. (See Student Resource, <em>Skimming and Scanning to Preview Text</em>.)</td>
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<td>• Explain that while working individually and in groups, students will use the techniques to find key vocabulary in the introductory reading. Students will help each other to locate words and clarify meanings. Words, terms and concepts become a “word wall” in the classroom as a reference for the duration of the particular topic.</td>
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<td>• Divide students into groups of 3.</td>
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<td>• Prepare stick-on notes, markers, and masking tape or pins for each group of students.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to skim the text to get a general sense of the topic and how it is presented.</td>
<td>• Skim the text, noting features of the text.</td>
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<td>• Engage students in some general discussion of the topic, making a few brief notes on the board about the main ideas of the topic.</td>
<td>• Contribute to class discussion.</td>
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<td>• Direct students to independently scan the text for bolded words or terms, and unfamiliar words, terms or concepts.</td>
<td>• Individually, scan the text for bolded words or terms, and any unfamiliar words, terms or concepts.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to create a personal list of 10 words, terms or concepts that are unfamiliar.</td>
<td>• Create a personal list of the 10 most unfamiliar words, terms or concepts in the reading.</td>
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<td>• Direct students to small groups and ask the groups to compare personal lists and create a group master list. Encourage students to help one another in clarifying meanings.</td>
<td>• Move to designated small groups and compare personal lists. Help one another in clarifying meanings.</td>
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<td>• Distribute 10 pieces of card stock, markers, and pieces of masking tape or pins to each group.</td>
<td>• Create a group master word list of the 10 most unfamiliar words. Print the vocabulary in large letters on the card stock and tape or pin to board. In creating the word wall duplicate words can be taped or pinned on top of one another.</td>
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<td>• Lead some discussion about the words and their meanings.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to look up the meanings of words, if necessary.</td>
<td>• Use the glossary and textbook to find meanings, if necessary.</td>
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<td>• Remind students that these words will remain posted for the duration of the topic.</td>
<td>• Use the word wall throughout the topic.</td>
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Suggested Words, Terms and Concepts for Word Walls

Suggested Words, Terms and Concepts

"Patterns of Development" in Individual and Family Living in Canada pp.14-22

- adolescent
- developmental task
- intellectual development
- physical development
- adolescence
- emotional development
- lifespan
- self-centred
- development
- growth
- multiple intelligences
- stages of life

Suggested Words, Terms and Concepts

“Managing Your Relationships” in Individual and Family Living in Canada pp. 98-111

- abusive relationship
- communication clues
- harassment
- problem solving
- acquiescence
- compromise
- negotiation
- self-awareness
- bullying
- discrimination
- peer pressure
- tolerance

Suggested Words, Terms and Concepts

“Communication” in Individual and Family Living in Canada pp. 80-93

- active listening
- body language
- non-verbal
- talking glove
- assertive
- feedback
- passive listening
- verbal
- bias
- I-messages
- prejudice
- voice synthesizer
# Skimming and Scanning to Preview Text

## Skimming

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<td>Why do I skim?</td>
<td>Skimming allows you to read quickly to get a general sense of a text so that you can decide whether it has useful information for you. You may also skim to get a key idea. After skimming a piece, you might decide that you want or need to read it in greater depth.</td>
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| How do I skim? | 1. Read the first few paragraphs, two or three middle paragraphs, and the final two or three paragraphs of a piece, trying to get a basic understanding of the information.  
2. Some people prefer to skim by reading the first and last sentence of each paragraph, that is, the topic sentences and concluding sentences.  
3. If there are pictures, diagrams, or charts, a quick glance at them and their captions may help you to understand the main idea or point of view in the text.  
4. **Remember:** You do **not** have to read every word when you skim.  
5. Generally, move your eyes horizontally (and quickly) when you skim. |

## Scanning

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<td>Why do I scan?</td>
<td>Scanning allows you to locate quickly a single fact, date, name, or word in a text without trying to read or understand the rest of the piece. You may need that fact or word later to respond to a question or to add a specific detail to something you are writing.</td>
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| How do I scan? | 1. **Knowing your text well** is important. Make a prediction about where in a chapter you might find the word, name, fact, term, or date.  
2. **Note how the information is arranged** on a page. Will headings, diagrams, or boxed or highlighted items guide you? Is information arranged alphabetically or numerically as it might be in a telephone book or glossary?  
3. **Move your eyes vertically or diagonally** down the page, letting them dart quickly from side to side and keeping in mind the exact type of information that you want. Look for other closely associated words that might steer you toward the detail for which you are looking.  
4. **Aim for 100% accuracy!** |

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**Student Resource**

**THINK LITERACY: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7-12**
Determining important ideas and information in text is central to making sense of reading and moving toward insight. (Stephanie Harvey and Anne Goudvis, 2000)

**Purpose**
- Find the main idea(s) in text by distinguishing between the most important and least important information.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- become familiar with the text and make judgements about the content.
- work collaboratively with a partner - using reading, note taking, and oral strategies - to make sense of the text.

**Tips and Resources**
- Note: this literacy strategy works well when students need background information for future learning e.g., areas of development, communication, concept of family, etc.
- Determining the main idea(s) in a text is not always a clear, straightforward process.
- Introduce the upcoming passage of text with a story or analogy to help students connect text and relevancy to themselves and their lives. For example, to introduce the topic of adolescent development, explore the idea of human development through a personal hair story. Begin with your earliest recollections of your hair, provide pictures, if possible, so that students connect the idea of development to changes during stages of life.
- Note the type of text and its typical audience and purpose. In the examples suggested, reference is made to a textbook passage (*Individual and Family Living in Canada.* p. 14 – 15).
- Set a clear purpose for the text so that students have common ground for finding the main ideas.
- Main ideas are often found in the first or last sentences in a paragraph, or first and last paragraphs in a chapter.
- Words that appear in bold text are helpful in determining the main ideas.
- See Teacher Resource, *Most/Least Important Idea(s) and Information - Sample.*
- For a related template that can be handed out in class, see Student Resource, *Most/Least Important Idea(s) and Information - Exercise 1.*
- For a follow-up reading and template, see Student Resource, *Most/Least Important Idea(s) and Information - Exercise 2.*
- Follow-up topics where this same literacy strategy could be used include: Developmental Tasks of Adolescence and Areas of Development (Physical, Intellectual, Emotional and Social).

**Further Support**
- On the two days after you use this strategy, review the concepts orally using *Take Five.*
- After students have done a least-important/most-important T-chart on their own or in pairs, model the process an additional time by thinking aloud through another passage. Ask students to compare their choices with yours.
- Put students in groups of four, with each group having a different passage from the same chapter of the textbook, to create their own think aloud for that passage. Ask students to number off as they begin their work (from 1 to 4) and to remember their number. Students work together to decide most-important/least-important ideas and information and provide reasons for their choices as they prepare their think aloud. Ask the #3s (and ask the #1s to assist them) to present their think aloud to the rest of the class.
### Engaging in Reading: Most/Least Important Idea(s) and Information

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<td>• Introduce topic area with a story or analogy to develop familiarity and relevancy with upcoming text passage. For this example, students need to have some concept of the idea of growth and development and the associated changes. A personal “hair story” works well. Accompanying pictures or photographs enhance the concept. Have students share their personal hair stories.</td>
<td>• Listen to a story or analogy that introduces the idea of the upcoming text passage on growth and development and the associated changes.</td>
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<td>• Use the passage in Student Resource, <em>Most/Least Important Idea(s) and Information - Sample</em>. Explain to students that in this reading, the idea is to understand something about human development.</td>
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<td>• Give students time to read the passage.</td>
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<td>• Read the passage aloud to students asking them to think about the most important and least important idea(s).</td>
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<td>• Listen to a story or analogy that introduces the idea of the upcoming text passage on growth and development and the associated changes.</td>
<td>• Read the passage silently, thinking about the purpose of the reading.</td>
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<td>• Observe pictures or photographs that might be presented.</td>
<td>• Listen to the passage being read, while thinking about their choices for the most important and least important ideas(s) in the reading.</td>
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<td>• Share some personal hair stories.</td>
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<td>• Briefly skim over the selected passage as the teacher explains the general idea of the reading.</td>
<td>• As passage is being reread, contribute suggestions about the most and least important ideas of the reading.</td>
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<td>• Record the most and least important ideas on a T-chart in their notebooks or on handout, after the teacher has completed thinking aloud through the passage.</td>
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<td>• Assign the additional passage of text (Student Resource, <em>Most/Least Important Ideas and Information - Exercise 2</em>), setting the purpose for the reading as finding out specifically about adolescent development.</td>
<td>• Read the assigned text with the intent of finding out specifically about adolescent development.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to use the handout provided or the actual textbook, if available, and set up their own T-chart in their notes.</td>
<td>• Reread and record the most important and least important ideas on the T-chart provided, or one of their own making.</td>
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<td>• If the passage is provided for the students (as a photocopy), they may wish to use two different colours of highlighters to indicate the most important and least important ideas.</td>
<td>• Share their findings in a class discussion comparing their ideas and adding information, if necessary.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to summarize their findings in a class discussion. Information may be recorded on chalkboard or overhead transparency template.</td>
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- growth and development happens at every step along the way  
- growth and development occur in several areas: physical, as well as intellectual, emotional and social  
- growth – physical changes in the body  
- development – co-ordination of skills into complex behaviours e.g., walking  
**Least Important:**  
- bones get longer  
- muscles become stronger  
- body proportions change  
- brain cells grow rapidly  
- leg bones and muscles grow for support |

**Key idea from this passage:**

Growth and development, which includes physical, intellectual, emotional and social aspects, happens continually throughout life. Growth refers to the physical changes in the body and development is the co-ordination of skills into complex behaviours, like walking.

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### Most/Least Important Idea(s) and Information - Exercise 1

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 | **Least Important:** |**Key idea from this passage:** |

Most/Least Important Idea(s) and Information - Exercise 2

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<td><strong>Adolescence</strong> is the stage of life that begins around puberty. Adolescence as a separate stage of development is fairly new – people used to be considered children until they became adults. Now, adolescence is considered by some people to continue to about 20 years, or even longer. Individuals in this stage are called adolescents or, more commonly, teenagers. The journey through adolescence is a journey of self-discovery. <strong>Adolescents</strong> clarify who they are, what they can do, how they feel, what they believe and where they fit in. Adolescence is an important transition in your life as you complete your childhood development and prepare for the journey into adulthood.</td>
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Key idea from this passage:

Unseen text is the information that resides inside the reader's head: ideas, opinions, essential background knowledge. The unseen text is unique to each reader. (Cris Tovani, 2002)

Visualizing text is a crucial skill for students because if they can get the picture, often they can get the concept. When students don't get the pictures in their heads, the teacher may need to think aloud and talk them through the ideas in the text, explaining the pictures that come to mind. Visualization can help students to focus, remember, and apply their learning in new and creative situations. It is an invaluable skill, where understanding spatial relationships which can be a key to solving complex problems.

Purpose
- Promote comprehension of the ideas in written texts by forming pictures in the mind from the words on the page.

Payoff
Students will:
- reread and reflect on assigned readings.
- develop skills for independent reading.
- improve focus and attention to detail.

Tips and Resources
- Words on a page can be a very abstract thing for some students. They don’t inspire pictures in the mind or create other types of sensory images. Teaching students to visualize or create sensory images in the mind helps them to transform words into higher-level concepts.
- In order to visualize text, students must understand the concepts of seen and unseen text.
- Seen text involves everything students can see on the page: words, diagrams, pictures, and special typographical features. If using a textbook regularly (see resource list below), use the strategy Getting Ready to Read: Previewing a Text. In addition, text pictures can be very effective in visualizing a concept. For example, pictures such as the ones found in Today’s Teen, p. 98, or Individual and Family Living in Canada, p. 182, could be effectively used to describe the behaviour expected of students in summer jobs.
- Unseen text draws on background knowledge and experiences, and word knowledge as students become more familiar with vocabulary.
- For more information, see:
  - Teacher Resource, Practise Visualizing from Text - Sample Text to Read Aloud.
  - Student Resource, Practise Visualizing.


Further Support
- Learning to visualize takes practice. Model the strategy of visualizing for your students, using a variety of texts from the subject area.
- Put students in pairs from the beginning of this strategy and allow them to work through the texts together.
## Engaging in Reading: Visualizing

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<td>• Engage students in thinking about how pictures convey meanings. Use classroom examples such as posters, and textbook references as described in <em>Tips and Resources</em>.</td>
<td>• Observe classroom examples as pointed out by the teacher.</td>
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<td>• Ask students what happens when people listen to a radio. What pictures come to mind? Invite students to give examples.</td>
<td>• Think about pictures conveyed by radio messages.</td>
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<td>• Explain that written text often prompts pictures in our minds and therefore messages. This is known as visualizing. Continue by engaging students in a class discussion about the importance of visualizing text in their minds to get the idea or concept the words are trying to convey.</td>
<td>• Contribute examples.</td>
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<td>• Share some of the mind pictures derived from text. See Teacher Resource, <em>Practise Visualizing from Text – Sample Text to Read Aloud</em>, which includes a think aloud script. Invite some students to share the pictures in their heads.</td>
<td>• Listen to explanation about visualizing.</td>
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<td>• Teachers may choose to write key words on chart paper for later clarification and note-taking.</td>
<td>• Respond verbally to examples of mind pictures derived from listening to examples presented by teacher.</td>
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<td>• Provide additional text samples. See Student Resource, <em>Practise Visualizing</em>.</td>
<td>• Read silently and make notes about the mind pictures that emerge from the words in the text samples.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to work individually to create mind pictures from the text.</td>
<td>• Compare and discuss their mental images with other students.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to join with three other students to compare mind pictures.</td>
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<td>• Engage students in a whole-class discussion about the kinds of things that may have triggered their mind pictures or mental images- e.g., understanding of a specific word, personal experience, something read previously, a movie or television show.</td>
<td>• Contribute their responses to class discussion.</td>
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<td>• Confirm that individuals may have some very different pictures in their minds, based on differing personal experience. Since some of those pictures will be accurate and some inaccurate, students should confirm their pictures with other details or elements of the text, as described below.</td>
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<td>• Remind students that textbook features (e.g., diagrams, pictures, or a glossary) may help them to create more accurate and detailed mind pictures.</td>
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### Practise Visualizing from Text - Sample Text to Read Aloud

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<td>Canada’s workforce needs people with skills. Employers also look for people who can communicate, and people who can think and like to learn.</td>
<td>I see a map of Canada and many people who are doing a variety of different jobs like cutting down trees, driving trucks, working at computer desks, singing songs. I see people who can speak, read, and write, and people who can solve problems.</td>
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<td>People skills are often needed in the workplace. Employers want people who can work in teams, and people who are respectful of the differences of others. Jobs in the service industry need people who enjoy working with customers or clients.</td>
<td>I see people getting along in groups working with others of differing ethnic backgrounds. I see people working in jobs like in restaurants serving food, or in shoe stores helping people select shoes. By the smiles on their faces all the people seem to be happy.</td>
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<td>Employers look for certain qualities or traits in possible workers. Some of these employability traits include having a positive attitude, showing responsibility, and adapting easily to new information and situations.</td>
<td>I see people at their work place with smiles on their faces. I see people doing their jobs and helping one another to meet goals or deadlines.</td>
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Practise Visualizing

Read and think about each of the samples below. Then record in your notebook the pictures that come into your mind based on the words that you have read.

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<td><strong>1</strong> First impressions are important. What you choose to wear to an interview will form part of the opinion a potential employer makes about you. Dress properly for a job interview. Employers also tend to look for people who appear enthusiastic and sincere. Prepare for the interview by finding out about the job and the company. Write down any questions that you might have about the job.</td>
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<td><strong>2</strong> Safety in the workplace is a concern for all working people, and should be your concern when you work part-time. All work carries some risk; even serving ice cream can cause wrist injuries. You have the right to work in a safe environment. You have the right to know about any possible unsafe materials or equipment used in your job. You have the right to participate in health and safety training to avoid injury. If you suspect that you have been asked to do something that is unsafe, you have the right to refuse without being fired or docked pay. Provincial and territorial laws protect these rights.</td>
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<td><strong>3</strong> Volunteering will provide benefits not only for the recipients of your work, but also for you. Unpaid work as a volunteer might provide greater opportunities to experience the type of work you want to do as an adult. For example, you are more likely to find volunteer work at a veterinary clinic than you are to find a paying job. Because your skills are just developing, you are not qualified for most jobs yet, but you could volunteer to help someone else so that you can see for yourself what the job is really like. Volunteering to be a coach, scout leader, or Sunday school teacher, for example, can also provide opportunities for developing leadership skills. Volunteer work listed on your résumé tells a future employer that you can manage your time, and that you have a positive attitude towards work.</td>
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Reacting to Reading: Drawing Conclusions (I Read/I Think/Therefore)

Individual and Family Living  Consumerism  (unit 4)

Readers draw conclusions based on the ideas and information that they read from one or more sources. Providing a graphic organizer before reading helps students to organize their thinking during reading in order to analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions after reading.

Purpose
- Actively use prior knowledge and experiences when reading.
- Read and respond to the important concepts and issues in the course, making inferences and drawing conclusions.

Payoff
Students will:
- develop content and opinions for persuasive writing.
- become thoughtful speakers during whole-class and small-group discussions.

Tips and Resources
- Drawing conclusions involves gathering information and deciding what the information means. For example, a report may describe the features of a large product purchase, it may draw a conclusion about the information; and it may offer recommendations.
- Research resources may include Internet websites, periodicals, catalogues, etc. Since the reliability of website information may be questionable, teachers should investigate several consumer websites before having students complete this exercise.
- See Student/Teacher Resource, Guide for Drawing Conclusions. This graphic organizer helps students to organize their thinking while they are reading or conducting research that will require them to make inferences and draw conclusions. In the “I Read” section, students record the factual information they have researched about the product they are investigating. In the “I Think” section, students record what the facts mean to them. Students can evaluate the relevancy of those facts for their own specific needs. In the “Therefore” section, students record their conclusion about which product they would purchase based on all of the information gathered and their own specific needs.

Further Support
- Encourage students to use their real-life experiences as models for drawing conclusions.
- Create a wall chart to illustrate the strategy I Read/I Think/Therefore and post it as a reference for students.
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| **Before** | **Read the information provided and make inferences based on the information.**  
**Make a conclusion.** |
| • Prepare a scenario based on a product which requires some research before a decision to purchase is made. Provide students with information and details about the subject. For example, “You have decided to purchase a digital camera, and have narrowed it down to 2 models, similarly priced, but with different features. How will you decide which digital camera best meets your needs?” Brainstorm with the students other possible large purchases.  
• Select websites or periodicals with information about a current product that would qualify as a large purchase. The teacher may have to provide these resources. Teachers use their professional judgment in determining which websites provide reliable product information.  
• Create a question or reading prompt to guide the research (e.g., What are the features of the two different brands of digital cameras?).  
• Use a thinking strategy such as “I Read/I Think/Therefore” to demonstrate how to draw a conclusion based on gathered information.  
• Provide students with a graphic organizer (see Student/Teacher Resource, Guide for Drawing Conclusions) to record their thinking as they read the selected materials.  
• Use a transparency or the graphic organizer to model for students how to read and record information and inferences. | |
| **During** | **Observe the teacher’s thinking aloud process for drawing a conclusion.**  
**Preview the research material to get ready to read.**  
**Clarify the purpose for reading (Which products are you comparing? Which features are especially important to you?).**  
**Observe how to complete the graphic organizer.** |
| • In pairs or individually, students complete the reading/research task and the “I Read” and “I Think” columns of the graphic organizer.  
• Partners read, pause, discuss, and record the information and their thinking. | **Read the print or electronic research material, pausing to record important information, and make inferences.** |
| **After** | **Reread their graphic organizers. Identify similarities and differences among responses.** |
| • Review the information gathered in the “I Read” section together. Ask students to look for similarities and differences.  
• Compile class information on a transparency.  
• Discuss the students’ responses in the “I Think” section. Model how to make inferences, and complete the section on the transparency.  
• Review the information and inferences. Ask students to suggest conclusions that can be made based on the information gathered so far. Discuss possible “Therefore” conclusions.  
• Model how to make a conclusion based on gathered information. | **Draw a conclusion based on the information and inferences in the chart.**  
**Compare own conclusion based on the information and inferences in the chart.** |
Guide for Drawing Conclusions

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<td>Brand #1 ___________________________</td>
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<td>Which product would be a better purchase to meet your needs? Why?</td>
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<td>Brand #1 ___________________________</td>
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<td>• What features are important to you, as a user of this product?</td>
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Reacting to Reading: Making Judgements (Both Sides Now)

Individual and Family Living   Decision Making (unit 2)

Readers increase their understanding by reviewing what they have read, reflecting on what they have learned, and asking questions about the significance.

**Purpose**
- Assess different viewpoints or perspectives.
- Make judgements about viewpoints or opinions.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- think critically about course-specific materials.
- review different types of questions and how to answer them.
- summarize important ideas, concepts and information.
- develop critical thinking skills.
- develop a model for reading and thinking critically about important concepts, issues, and ideas.

**Tips and Resources**
- To make judgements, students need to process information in a logical way. Decision-making models allow the orderly progression of information in order to reach sound decisions. *Both Sides Now* creates a template for making judgements or decisions based on information provided. Students assess the information in order to make value judgements pertaining to the critical question or statement.
- An optional scenario and an accompanying sample relevant to young teens, which may or may not be appropriate, for your class is provided. See Teacher Resources, *Making Judgements Activity and Making Judgements: Both Sides Now*. This scenario may be used as an example. Students may create their own scenarios based on their experiences or knowledge.
- Other scenarios that may be used:
- As a follow-up, present a decision-making model e.g., *Individual and Family Living* p. 54 (Textbook) OR *Individual and Family Living* p. 83 (Teacher’s Resource Guide). Have students work through a scenario of their choice.

**Further Support**
- Review reading skills of tracking main ideas, comparing and contrasting, making inferences, and drawing conclusions.
- Encourage students to ask questions about what they are reading. For example, have students write questions based on a textbook chapter, section or topic-related resource they have read. Ask one of the students to read his or her questions to the group. Model answering the question referring the student specifically to the text where appropriate. Ask another student to ask a question, and have them select a volunteer to answer it. After the volunteer answers the question, have this student ask one of his/her questions. Continue until all students in the group have asked and answered a question.
- As an alternative, have students identify the type of question (on the lines, among the lines, between the lines, and beyond the lines) before they answer or determine the type of questions to be generated. Students may require teacher modelling over several lessons of asking, identifying and answering questions.
### Reacting to Reading: Making Judgements (Both Sides Now)

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<td>• Select two viewpoints on a course topic.</td>
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<td>• Review the difference between information (fact, statistics, examples, etc.) and opinion (conclusions based on information, prior knowledge, experience, personal bias, etc.). Teachers might use a classroom example e.g., “Samantha is reading the newspaper.” “Henri seems happy today.” Summarize by explaining that what we read tends to be information and/or opinion.</td>
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<td>• Post a question or statement about a teen issue on the chalkboard e.g., Drinking and driving do not mix? Why do teens rebel?</td>
<td>• Read teacher prepared question or statement on chalkboard or overhead transparency and recall ideas/information that supports the question or statement chosen.</td>
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<td>• Ask for one idea or piece of information that supports the question/statement and record it under the left side statement in a T-chart. (See Student Resource, Making Judgements Activity Template.)</td>
<td>• Contribute to discussion.</td>
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<td>• Do the same for the opposing question or statement and record it under the right side of the T-chart.</td>
<td>• Recall ideas/information that opposes the question or statement chosen.</td>
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<td>• Ask students where their responses came from (e.g., prior knowledge, personal experiences, etc.).</td>
<td>• Recall where they learned their ideas about the topic or issue.</td>
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<td>• Inform students that writers may include ideas and information to support both sides of an issue, or they may include evidence to support only one side of an issue depending on their viewpoint. Writers use a variety of formats for varying purposes. Also explain that effective readers question ideas and information to determine and develop their own opinions and decisions.</td>
<td>• Contribute to discussion.</td>
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<td>• Read or show a sample scenario. (See Teacher Resource, Making Judgements: Both Sides Now.)</td>
<td>• Listen for understanding.</td>
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<td>• Lead students through the scenario and template, OR ask students to work through the scenario sample and template on their own. (See Teacher Resource, Making Judgements Activity.)</td>
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<td>• Ask students to read the selection to find evidence to both support and oppose the situation presented.</td>
<td>• Read the selection and ask questions about the information presented.</td>
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<td>• Observe students’ reading and intervene to clarify task or content, if needed.</td>
<td>• Identify information and opinion that supports and opposes the question/statement.</td>
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<td>• Prepare possible viewpoint/opinion and evidence for recording on the T-chart.</td>
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<td>• As a whole class, ask students to verbally provide ideas and information that support and oppose the question/statement. Record on overhead.</td>
<td>• Listen to ideas from other students.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to review and discuss the evidence and make a decision based on the evidence and related inferences.</td>
<td>• Compare these new ideas to their own points.</td>
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<td>• Students write responses to the question/statement based on their learning.</td>
<td>• Contribute to class discussion.</td>
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<td>• Evaluate the evidence and make a judgement (decision). Write this decision on the template.</td>
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<td>• Support the judgement (decision) with sound reasons.</td>
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Making Judgements: Both Sides Now

- Read the following passage.
- Review the critical question or statement.
- Find evidence that supports the question or statement.
- Find evidence that opposes the question or statement.
- Keeping the decision making model in mind, determine a decision to answer the question or statement.
- Support your decision with sound reasons based on the evidence in the reading passage.

Unknown to their parents, Terry and Pat have gone to the home of a friend for a party. The parents of the friend are out of town. When Terry and Pat arrive, the party is in full swing. Someone has brought a case of beer and more arrives when some older friends come in. Terry and Pat join in the drinking despite being under the legal age. Terry, however, is somewhat worried. Her parents have imposed a strict curfew. Drinking alcohol is not acceptable. Failure to abide by the house rules may lead to having to forfeit an upcoming school music trip. She needs to get home on time, drunk or not. Pat, on the other hand, does not have a curfew and keeps reminding Terry that she is old enough to make her own decisions. After all, what parent would deny their child a school trip? Terry’s parents have always claimed that they would support any of their children in times of trouble. Should Terry call them for help? Terry has noticed that a neighbour whom she does not know very well is shouting about going home. She could get a ride with her although she appears to have been drinking, too. The party seems to be getting quite rowdy; there are the sounds of glass breaking. Pat turns the music up louder and claims this is the best thing that they have done in a while. Should Terry take a chance and go with the neighbour?
# Making Judgements Activity

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<td>Terry has a strict curfew and needs to be home by a set time or suffer the possible consequences</td>
<td>Peer relationships are very important; Pat is a friend</td>
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<td>Terry does not want to risk losing the school music trip opportunity</td>
<td>The neighbour has been drinking and may not be safe to drive home with</td>
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<td>Drinking is not acceptable in Terry’s home</td>
<td>Her parents have always claimed that they would support their children in times of trouble</td>
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<td>The party is getting rowdy; she needs to get out</td>
<td>This seems to be a questioning of her personal values</td>
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**Question or Statement:** Should Terry take a chance and go with the neighbour?

**Decision:**
Terry should call her parents. She should explain that she knows that what has happened is against her parents’ rules and she is willing to accept the consequences.

**Reasons:**
- Parents have said that they would support their children in times of trouble.
- It is not safe to drink and drive, and the neighbour has been drinking, and should not be driving home.
- Terry’s safety is at risk as the party is getting increasingly more rowdy.
## Making Judgements Activity Template

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Reading Different Text Forms: Following Instructions
Individual and Family Living   Clothing Care Labels (units 1, 4)

Students are expected to read and follow instructions in every subject area. This strategy asks students to examine different types of instructions, their features and elements, and how the features, language and organizational patterns can be used to help the reader understand and complete a task.

Purpose
- Provide students with strategies for reading, interpreting and following instructions to complete a specific task.
- Learn how instructions are organized.

Payoff
Students will:
- identify purposes for reading instructions.
- develop a process for reading and following instructions.

Tips and Resources
- Instructions give detailed step-by-step information about a process or a procedure (e.g., directions, recipes, experiments, manuals, tests). They are sometimes called procedures or how-tos. Most instructions use organizational patterns, language, and features (diagrams and illustrations, bold or italic type, headings, numbers, lists) to help the reader identify the task and the best way to complete it; however, some instructions are complicated without any features to help the reader determine the sequence of steps.
- For more information, see:
  - Teacher Resources, Clothing Care Instructions and Instruction Analysis 1 - Clothing Care.
  - Student/Teacher Resource, Instruction Analysis 2 - Clothing Care.

Further Support
- Provide students with a list of typical signal words and task prompts and suggestions/strategies for responding to them. (e.g., explain, list, summarize, give reasons for, select, choose, support).
- Provide students with flow charts and timelines to help track successful completion of oral or written instructions.
- Create a class framework for reading instructions such as:
  - Preview.
  - Highlight and annotate.
  - Think aloud and visualize.
  - Reread.
  - Go step-by-step.
  - Read the diagrams
  - Ask questions.
- Have students read a set of instructions that has irrelevant or repeated information, or is poorly organized (you can create this by inserting sentences into or omitting sentences from a sample you already have). Have students identify the irrelevant or repetitious information and sentences, and highlight the important information. Ask students to determine what information is missing. Ask students to rewrite the instructions. Compare the original, the modified example, and the students’ work. Note similarities and differences, and suggest reasons for the writers’ decision. Have students determine the most effective set of instructions and identify the elements that made the instructions easy to follow.
- Provide students with opportunities to follow oral instructions, and discuss how they were able to complete the instructions and what was challenging, confusing or frustrating.
## Reading Different Text Forms: Following Instructions

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<td>• Select a set of instructions typical for the subject area related to a current topic or process. Examples may include clothing care labels, following a recipe, or an instructional manual for a small appliance. (See Teacher Resource, Clothing Care Instructions for an example.)</td>
<td>• Contribute to discussion about a time when they had to follow a set of instructions.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to recall an important occasion when they had to follow a set of instructions (e.g., driver’s test, an exam, building a table, fixing a bike). Discuss what was challenging and easy about following the instructions.</td>
<td>• Contribute to discussion on what they know about effective instructions.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to recall what they know about effective instructions. List these elements and features of instructions with the class.</td>
<td>• Participate in sequencing activity, providing a logical explanation for why they chose the order they did.</td>
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<td>• Make copies of Teacher Resource, Instruction Analysis 1 – Clothing Care, and cut them into slips of paper with one step on each slip (unnumbered). Place one set of jumbled instructions in an envelope for each group or pair. Ask groups/pairs of students to re-create the instructions and talk about the clues used to reconstruct the instructions.</td>
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<td>• Compare the groups’ re-constructions and discuss the decisions they made. Identify strategies used to determine the sequence.</td>
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<td>• Provide students with a copy of selected instructions. (See Student/Teacher Resources, Instruction Analysis 2 - Clothing Care.) Model for students how to preview the instructions (e.g., looking at title, organization, signal words [sequence of steps and process verbs], graphics, illustrations, summary, and materials list).</td>
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<td>• Model reading the introductory material and the first 2 or 3 steps aloud.</td>
<td>• Complete the activity.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to continue reading the instructions to identify the task to be completed. Suggest that students imagine themselves completing the instructions.</td>
<td>• Participate in small group discussion.</td>
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<td>• Ask small groups to discuss the strategies they used to read the instructions and determine what they were expected to do.</td>
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<td>• Clarify any confusing sections of the instructions. Use a flow chart to outline steps.</td>
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**Clothing Care Instructions**

Standard clothing care symbols are shown in the chart below. Using the clothing care symbols in the chart below, write the instructions explaining how to care for each of the garments listed on Instruction Analysis 2 – Clothing Care.

Clothing care information shown below was found at: [www.tide.com/downloads/articles/3090-Tide_LaundrySymbols.pdf](http://www.tide.com/downloads/articles/3090-Tide_LaundrySymbols.pdf)

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Note: The chart shows standard clothing care symbols and their corresponding instructions.
Instruction Analysis 1 - Clothing Care

Photocopy as many copies of this page as there are groups or pairs. Cut out the steps below, mix them up, and place them in an envelope, one per each group or pair. Have students read each step and place them in the most logical order. (Note: depending on personal experience, students may create more than one logical order.)

- Sort your laundry by colour or fabric.
- Follow care directions on clothing label.
- Pre-treat any stubborn stains prior to washing.
- Fill the washing machine with water.
- Add detergent.
- Add clothing to the washing machine.
- Add fabric softener.
- Start the washing machine.
- Hang any clothes that need to be hung to dry.
- Place clothes in dryer.
- Add fabric softener sheet to the dryer.
- Start dryer.
- Remove clothes from dryer immediately so clothing does not wrinkle.
- Fold or hang up laundry.
- Iron clothing if needed.
- Put away clean laundry.
Instruction Analysis 2 - Clothing Care

In the boxes below, indicate how each of the following garments should be properly cared for. Refer to the Clothing Care Instructions handout.

A plain white cotton T-shirt

A colourful nylon and spandex swimsuit

A knit cotton sweater

A wool winter coat

A washable silk shirt

A microfiber turtleneck

Cotton sport socks

A linen pair of pants
Graphical text forms (such as diagrams, photographs, drawings, sketches, graphs, schedules, maps, charts, timelines, and tables) are intended to communicate information in a concise format and illustrate how one piece of information is related to another. Providing students with an approach to reading graphical text also helps them to become effective readers.

**Purpose**
- Become familiar with the elements and features of graphical texts used in any course.
- Explore a process for reading graphical texts, using a range of strategies for before, during and after reading.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- become more efficient at ‘mining’ graphical texts for information and meaning.
- practise essential reading strategies and apply them to different course-related materials.

**Tips and Resources**
- Often graphical texts provide excellent learning formats for Grade 9 students. Charts, graphs, diagrams or illustrations supplement the main text and provide clues to the important concepts in the text.
- Teach students how to use the features of graphical texts to acquire information and gain understanding. These skills are crucial for meeting social science expectations in Individual and Family Living and other Family Studies courses. Encourage students to be mindful of the features of graphical texts before deciphering actual information. These features may include:
  - print features (such as typeface and size of type, bullets, titles, headings, subheadings, italics, labels, and captions).
  - organizational features (such as tables of contents, legends, keys, pronunciation guides, labels and captions).
  - design features (such as colour, shape, line, placement, balance, focal point). Design features may also include images.
  - organizational patterns (such as sequential, categorical, and explanatory).
- Teachers may choose a variety of graphical text samples so that students may practise assessing features e.g., a bar graph presenting statistical data, a table showing rows and columns, a diagram or graphic organizer showing connecting ideas. This practice may be completed by using random examples from an existing textbook or by providing photocopies. Students could then circle, underline or highlight the features of the graphical texts to secure their understanding.
- As an alternative, teachers may use the suggested activity as a way to assist students in understanding the features of graphical text.
- See:
  - Student Resource, Household Expenses.
  - Student Resource, Tips for Reading Graphical Texts.

**Further Support**
- Provide students with an advance organizer to guide them as they read a particular text. This might be a series of prompts to guide them through the reading task.
### Before

- Present the words, 'household expenses', on the chalkboard or overhead transparency.
- Ask students to brainstorm their understanding or interpretation of the idea. Have students recall previous experiences related to the topic.
- Explain that to increase background knowledge about the topic students will examine a piece of graphical text. Before scrutinizing the information, students need to understand features of graphical text e.g., print features such as typeface, titles, and source, organizational features such as the arrangement of the material, any design or organizational patterns of the text.

### During

- During reading, help students connect the features of the graphical text to what they already know about the topic. By using the features e.g., title, subtitles, etc. students can predict the meaning of the content.
- Provide students with focus questions such as:
  - What is the purpose of this graphic?
  - How is the information organized?
  - What is the source of the information?
  - How does this information relate to what you already know about the topic?
  - Is any information missing?
- Demonstrate how to paraphrase the information presented e.g., the title of the example means ...that in Canada in 1998 families spent ...an average of so many dollars in the groups listed.
- Invite students to organize the content information in a different way, e.g., largest household expenditure to smallest.

### After

- Summarize the activity by reviewing the process students used for reading graphical text. See Tips and Resources.
- Ask students to give other examples of how they can use the reading strategies, e.g., in tables, charts, bar graphs.
- Contribute ideas about the topic.
- Recall and share previous experiences or background knowledge about the topic.
- Think about the significance of the features of graphical text before scrutinizing the content of the reading.
- Examine features of graphical text according to the questions presented.
- Write ideas in spaces provided.
- Use focus questions presented by teacher to increase knowledge and understanding of the features of graphical text.
- Model paraphrasing technique as demonstrated by teacher.
- Organize the content information as directed by teacher.
- Listen to the summary to confirm understanding.
- Suggest other examples where these reading strategies can be applied.
Household Expenses

In 1998, Canadian households reported spending in the following manner:

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<td>6,363</td>
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<td>1,884</td>
<td>Total Expenditure</td>
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Questions and Activities:

1. What print features have been used in this example of graphical text?
2. What is the organizational feature of this example of graphical text?
3. What design features have been used in this example of graphical text?
4. What organizational patterns have been used in this example of graphical text?
5. Re-organize the expenditures from most to least. Predict how your family’s expenses might compare. Share this information with your parents/guardians to see how your family’s expenses actually do compare.
Tips for Reading Graphical Texts

Before Reading

- Set a purpose for reading. Ask yourself why you are reading this particular text.
- Look over the text to determine what type it is and which elements are used.
- Examine the titles, headings, captions and images. Start with the title. The title tells you what the graphic is about. The captions may also use words and phrases from the text to show how the graphic is related to the information in the written text (e.g., “Figure 1.6”).
- Recall what you already know about the topic or subject.
- Record some questions you might have about the information presented.

During Reading

- Read all the labels and examine how they are related to the graphic. Each label has a purpose. The most important labels may be in capital letters, bold type, or a larger font.
- Follow the arrows and lines. They may be used to show movement or direction, or connect to the things they name.
- Look for the use of colour or symbols to emphasize important words and information. Some graphical texts have a legend or a key to explain the meaning of specific symbols and colours.
- Study the image carefully. See if you recognize the details in the image. Read the text near the picture to find an explanation of the information in the graphic. Use the figure number or title and key words to find and read the related information in the written text.
- Identify the relationships among the visuals and information presented.

After Reading

- Interpret the information conveyed in any of the graphics (e.g., diagrams, charts, graphs, maps). Ask yourself why this information might be important.
- Rephrase information orally or in writing. Imagine that you are explaining the graphic to someone who has not read it.
- Create your own graphical text (e.g., graph, map, diagram, table, flow chart) to represent the important information.
Generating Ideas: Rapid Writing

Individual and Family Living   Social Teen Issues (units 2/3)

When students engage in rapid writing at the beginning of a writing assignment, they access their prior knowledge, engage with content, review and reflect, and begin to set direction for writing letters, essays, and other subject-based assignments.

Purpose
- Help students to start writing and ultimately to produce more writing.
- Encourage fluency in generating ideas for writing on any topic, in any subject area.
- Help students begin organizing ideas.

Payoff
Students will:
- rapidly generate fresh ideas about topics in any subject area.
- write down ideas without self-editing.
- generate raw material for more polished work.
- complete writing activities on time, overcome writer’s block, and improve test-taking skills.

Tips and Resources
- There are numerous opportunities for application of this strategy in HIF Individual and Family Living course planning. A computer lab for word processing is an effective place for students to do this work.
- This strategy may also be used:
  - as a pre-reading strategy similar to KWL
  - to review classroom work
  - in conjunction with brainstorming;
  - as an after topic assessment e.g., safety rules for the food labs
  - to summarize the connections between developmental stages and individual behavior
  - as a pre-writing strategy before a final copy is submitted for evaluation
- Use rapid writing regularly in the classroom, and have students select the day’s topic. Family Studies courses lend themselves well to this approach to new topics.
- Rapid writing may be applied when writing tests, by “scribbling down” information students are afraid of forgetting just before they begin responding to questions.
- Prepare an overhead transparency of Student/Teacher Resource, Tips for Rapid Writing.

Further Support
- Write the topic on the board, and do not repeat it orally if a student comes in late. Instead, point at the board. This also reinforces the topic for visual learners, and for students who have poor aural memory.
- Encourage students to use the rapid writing strategy to overcome anxiety for tests or assignments.
- Use timed writing for parts of a task e.g., as many words as possible in three minutes, then as many more as possible in the next three minutes, etc.
- Vary the process; some students may need to work in point form.
- Save completed rapid writing to use later to teach writing conventions or organization of ideas.
- Vary the amount of time given to students.
- Post the topic-related vocabulary in the classroom as an aid for struggling students.
### Generating Ideas: Rapid Writing

**Individual and Family Living Social Teen Issues (units 2/3)**

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<td>• Request that students use the rapid writing strategy to develop a list of social issues that pertain to them.</td>
<td>• Students listen and observe how the strategy of &quot;rapid writing&quot; works.</td>
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<td>• Explain that the purpose of rapid writing is to allow students to record what they know about an area without worrying about repetition, spelling, grammar, or any other errors.</td>
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<td>• Use Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Tips for Rapid Writing</em> as an overhead transparency to further explain the strategy. Emphasize that the important idea of rapid writing is to generate as much knowledge or as many ideas as possible with no concern for errors.</td>
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<td>• Present the task in the form of a question: What social issues are critical to teenagers? If necessary, clarify the meaning of the term ‘social issues’.</td>
<td>• Listen and/or observe the question to be addressed in the rapid writing strategy.</td>
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<td>• Give the signal to begin writing or typing.</td>
<td>• At the starting signal, write or type as quickly as possible without stopping or making any corrections.</td>
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<td>• Time the students – use discretion given the characteristics and background knowledge of the group.</td>
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<td>• Give the signal for students to stop writing or typing. (A one-minute warning may be appropriate.)</td>
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<td>• Debrief. Ask students to count the ideas generated.</td>
<td>• Count the number of ideas generated.</td>
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<td>• Ask who has at least ____ ideas, until only one or two hands remain up.</td>
<td>• Discuss the topic by reading aloud parts of what they have written.</td>
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<td>• Discuss the ideas generated, based on what the students have written. Encourage students who don’t usually participate to state some of the ideas that they wrote or typed.</td>
<td>• Depending on future intent of social science research expectations and course planning, students may independently pursue a social issue topic of choice and write a research report.</td>
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<td>• Use this exercise as an introduction to students researching a social teen issue of choice. Folders with articles on various issues may be available for independent student research. Suggestions include: drugs, alcohol, parent relationships, HIV and Aids, obesity and body image, eating disorders, employment, finances, peer pressure, social marketing, family divorce, etc.</td>
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Tips for Rapid Writing

- Write as fast as you can.
- No corrections or erasing allowed.
- Write until your teacher says STOP – do not stop before!
- Don't lift your pen/pencil from the paper or remove your hands from the computer.
- If you get stuck, jumpstart your brain by writing the topic title and extending it to a sentence.
- When your teacher says, Stop! count and record the number of words you have written.
- Be prepared to discuss your topic; use the writing you have done to start you off.
Generating Ideas: Adding Content (Pass It On!)

This strategy provides feedback to students before they start their first draft. Students exchange their brainstorming and notes for any project - paragraphs, research, process, lab reports or summaries, and develop questions designed to help them draw out more details for their first draft.

Purpose
- Identify ideas and information that may have been omitted.
- Reconsider and revise initial thinking (such as brainstorming) before writing the first draft.
- Teach students how to question others and themselves.

Payoff
Students will:
- ask who, what, where, when, why and how (5W+H), and predict questions while writing.
- add and support ideas, with the help of others and then on their own.

Tips and Resources
- This activity is a good follow-up to Rapid Writing and Setting the Context outlined in Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7-12 pp. 98-103.
- This strategy may be used before and during writing, especially if students are sharing research.
- See:
  - Teacher Resource, Adding Content – Annotated Student Sample.
  - Student Resource, Instructions for Adding Content (Pass It On!).
- Provide stick-on notes if students find it too confusing to have other students writing on their work.

Further Support
- Teachers should model the process of asking questions about a piece of writing. Alternatively, teachers may post a piece of personal writing and invite students to ask questions about various parts of the piece.
- Students may use brainstorming or first drafts of any assignment they are working on (e.g., research/planning, paragraphs, summaries, lab reports, essays, answers to questions).
**Generating Ideas: Adding Content (Pass It On!)**

Individual and Family Living  Communication  (unit 1)

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<td>• Assign a topic based on class content. For an example, see Teacher Resource, <em>Adding Content – Annotated Student Sample.</em></td>
<td>• Individually brainstorm or make notes for the topic.</td>
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<td>• Distribute Student Resource, <em>Instructions for Adding Content (Pass It On!).</em></td>
<td>• Read the instructions with the teacher.</td>
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<td>• Review who, what, where, when, why and how (5W + H questions).</td>
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<td>• Suggest other possible questions, depending on the type of assignment (narrative or informative).</td>
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<td>• Remind students about the purpose of this activity – to ask questions (based on what’s already there) that they would like the writer to answer.</td>
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<td>• Create groups of 4 to 6 students.</td>
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<td>• Time the students – have them pass their work to the person to their left and add questions to the work that is handed to them. In 3 to 5 minutes, depending on length of the work, call “time” and have the students pass their work to the left again.</td>
<td>• Within their group, pass work left and quickly skim the work handed to them.</td>
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<td>• Have students continue until the work has been returned to the original author.</td>
<td>• As they read, ask questions based on the 5Ws and how.</td>
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<td>• (Optional) Ask students to begin answering the questions or making suggestions regarding the questions they see on papers in front of them, once work has been passed to at least two others in the group.</td>
<td>• Work silently.</td>
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<td>• (Optional) Start answering some of the questions others have written on the work, once they have questioned the work of at least two of the people in the group – even if it is not theirs.</td>
<td>• Use stick-on notes and write comments and questions in margins.</td>
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<td>• Use the edited work and the answers to the questions as the basis for a written assignment.</td>
<td>• Try to answer as many of the questions as possible when they get their own work back.</td>
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<td>• Use the questions and answers on the basis for responding to the written assignment.</td>
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Adding Content – Annotated Student Sample

Topic: What Are the Barriers to Good Communication?

- communication can be unclear due to several communication filters
- bias is based on opinion and not facts
- prejudice is a type of unfairness against an individual or group who share certain characteristics
- stereotyping is when you generalize characteristics of one group to another group
- ethnocentrism is a type of bias where people see others from different cultures as being less important than they are
- communication can be improved by building bridges to uphold the clarity of messages

Instructions For Adding Content (Pass It On!)

When you write, you often need to add additional details to your original ideas or drafts. That’s what we are going to do with this draft of your _________________ assignment. Using your draft, you will trade work with people in your group and ask questions without talking i.e. you will write your questions on the draft you have been given.

When you are in your group, you will each pass your work to the person on your left. Work quickly as you will be working within a time limit. Don’t worry if you don’t finish all of the assignment you are looking at – the next person will probably deal with sections of the draft that you haven’t had a chance to review.

In your groups:

1. **Pass your work** to the person on your left. **Quickly skim** the work that you have received from the person on your right.

2. As you read, **ask questions** based on the 5Ws and How. Some of your questions might be:
   - *What’s this all about?*
   - *What happened?*
   - *Where did this happen?*
   - *When did this occur?*
   - *Who was involved?*
   - *Why did this occur?*
   - *What happened as a result?*
   - *What other choices were possible?*
   - *How does this affect others?*

3. **Do not talk** until you have passed around all of the work. If you can’t read or understand something, don’t ask the person. Just **write down** a question or comment, such as “I don’t get this” or “I can’t read this.”

4. Write in the margins or at the top of the page, or in between the lines, or in sticky notes – just don’t write on top of someone else’s writing!

5. Once you have questioned the work of at least two other people in your group, you may want to **start answering** some of the questions others have written on the work – even if the work is not yours.

6. When you finally get your own work back, **try to answer** as many of the questions as you can. The information you give will add to whatever you are writing.
Developing and Organizing Ideas: Supporting the Main Idea

Individual and Family Living  Social Science Research  (all units)

In this strategy, students learn how to select the better of two possible main ideas to use as a topic sentence in an information paragraph, and then learn how to choose details to support it. Student samples are selected from a variety of subject areas. Samples may also be used to teach summary writing.

Purpose
- Distinguish main ideas and supporting details for a paragraph.

Payoff
Students will:
- write well-organized paragraphs with supporting details.
- demonstrate a clear understanding of the topic.
- improve reading comprehension by spotting main ideas and supporting details.

Tips and Resources
- This HIF activity is designed to focus on composing an introductory paragraph for a research report.
- The “main idea” is a broad statement that includes a topic that can be expanded. It usually begins a paragraph e.g., Adolescence is the time of life between childhood and adulthood. Peer pressure is one of the most challenging aspects of school life.
- Supporting details follow the main idea.
- Presenting the main idea and adding supporting details is very important in the introductory paragraph of a social science report. Here readers are enticed to read about a particular social issue. A good introduction concludes with a purpose for the research and the report that follows.
- See:
  - Student/Teacher Resources, Sample Exercises and Sample Exercises (Answer Key).
  - Student Resource, Finding and Supporting the Main Idea in Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7-12 on p. 114. This is useful as an overhead transparency.
  - Social Science Research Teaching/Learning Strategies www.ofslc.org

Further Support
- Alternative methods:
  - Complete the activity on paper.
  - Work either individually or in pairs.
  - Read groups of sentences.
  - Look for the best-supported general statement.
  - Cross off statements that do not fit the general statement selected.
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<td>• Using the Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Sample Exercises</em>, select one of the three sample paragraph sets.</td>
<td>• Compare the set of statements for the selected paragraph only to the Answer Key.</td>
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<td>• Enlarge the set of statements and cut up into separate statements.</td>
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<td>• Place each set of statements into envelopes.</td>
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<td>• Divide the class into groups of three or four and give each group one envelope.</td>
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<td>• Have groups determine the main idea from the set of statements, then add the supporting details that seem appropriate according to the remaining statements.</td>
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<td>• Alternatively, have the students complete this activity directly on paper, without cutting up the group of statements. Explain the legend to use when annotating (►✓X).</td>
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<td>• Compare the order of the statements to the original order for the selected paragraph. See Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Sample Exercise - Answer Key</em>.</td>
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<td>• Provide students individually with a copy of Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Sample Exercises</em>. Have students complete the remaining two samples on their own.</td>
<td>• Work individually or in pairs or small groups.</td>
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<td>• Circulate through the class.</td>
<td>• Read the group of sentences.</td>
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<td>• Ask students how they know which statement is the best-supported generalization.</td>
<td>• Look for the best-supported general statement. (If there seems to be more than one main idea, choose the one that has the most supporting statements.)</td>
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<td>• Point out that if students have more sentences crossed out than they have left to work with, they have probably selected the wrong generalization.</td>
<td>• Place statements to the side if they do not fit the selected main idea or generalization at the top.</td>
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<td>• Place the supporting statements directly under the generalizations.</td>
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<td>• Review and discuss the samples and the suggested answers according to the Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Sample Exercises - Answer Key</em>.</td>
<td>• Review the main idea and supporting statements as suggested by the <em>Answer Key</em>.</td>
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<td>• Model how to use the sentences to write a paragraph using the paragraph template.</td>
<td>• Write the sentences into a paragraph.</td>
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<td>• Demonstrate how to write a concluding sentence, if necessary. Most introductory paragraphs in social science research reports end with a purpose statement. The basic style is to reword the first sentence/generalization.</td>
<td>• Alternatively, write own generalization and supporting details in answer to a teacher assigned topic.</td>
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Sample Exercises

Instructions: For each paragraph, use the following legend to identify the main idea, statements belonging in the paragraph and statements that should be crossed out, removed or do not belong.

Legend
▶ Main idea
✓ Statement belongs in the paragraph
X Statement should be crossed out or removed, does not belong

Paragraph One:

Twenty students from different grade levels were surveyed.

Grade 9 Family Studies students conducted a survey about the spending habits of teens.

The way people feel about money has an effect on relationships and lifestyles.

The purpose of this report is to examine the money habits of teens.

Teens source money in a variety of ways, often from part-time jobs.

Teens spend money in a variety of ways such as meeting their own wants, saving for future goals, helping out their own families.

Data from the survey was compared to Olivia Mellan’s research on money types.

Paragraph Two:

In an effort to display a growing need for independence, teens often make decisions that are different from their parents.

Teenagers are often in conflict with their parents.

Usually parent/teen conflict is a result of power struggles and differing values.

Parents often feel rejected.

Parents are often in conflict with their teenagers.

The causes of conflict, and the ways parent/teen conflict could be resolved positively, were examined by reading a variety of articles.

There must be positive ways that teens can get along with their parents.

What are the sources of conflict in households?

Paragraph Three:

The idea of family should be explained, however, by what a group of people does rather than a certain arrangement.

Families come in all shapes and sizes.

Despite all the ideas about family, love is the most important thing.

Nowadays there are many lone-parent and extended families, also step or blended families and of course, adoptive families.

Most people think of family as being a mom, a dad and kids.

Families are the basic unit of society.
Sample Exercises – Answer Key

Legend
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Paragraph One:
► Teens spend money in a variety of ways such as meeting their own wants, saving for future goals, helping out their own families.
✓ Grade 9 Family Studies students conducted a survey about the spending habits of teens.
✓ Twenty students from different grade levels were surveyed.
✓ Data from the survey was compared to Olivia Mellan’s research on money types.
X The purpose of this report is to examine the money habits of teens.
X The way people feel about money has an effect on relationships and lifestyles.
X Teens source money in a variety of ways, often from part-time jobs.

Paragraph Two:
► In an effort to display a growing need for independence, teens often make decisions that are different from their parents.
✓ Usually parent/teen conflict is a result of power struggles and differing values.
✓ There must be positive ways that teens can get along with their parents.
✓ The causes of conflict, and the ways parent/teen conflict could be resolved positively, were examined by reading a variety of articles.
X Teenagers are often in conflict with their parents.
X Parents often feel rejected.
X Parents are often in conflict with their teenagers.
X What are the sources of conflict in households with teenagers?

Paragraph Three:
► Families come in all shapes and sizes.
✓ Most people think of family as being a mom, a dad and kids.
✓ Nowadays there are many lone-parent and extended families, also step or blended families and of course, adoptive families.
✓ The idea of family should be explained, however, by what a group of people do rather than a certain arrangement.
X Despite all the ideas about family, love is the most important thing.
X Families are the basic unit of society.
Effective writers use different strategies to sort the ideas and information they have gathered in order to make connections, identify relationships, and determine possible directions and forms for their writing. This strategy gives students the opportunity to reorganize, regroup, sort, categorize, classify and cluster their notes.

**Purpose**
- Identify relationships and make connections among ideas and information.
- Select ideas and information for possible topics and subtopics.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- model critical and creative thinking strategies.
- learn a variety of strategies that can be used throughout the writing process.
- re-read notes, gathered information, and writing that are related to a specific writing task.
- organize ideas and information to focus the writing task.

**Tips and Resources**
- Strategies for webbing and mapping include:
  - Clustering – looking for similarities among ideas, information or things, and grouping them according to characteristics.
  - Comparing – identifying similarities among ideas, information or things.
  - Contrasting – identifying differences among ideas, information, or things.
  - Generalizing – describing the overall picture based on the ideas and information presented.
  - Outlining – organizing main ideas, information, and supporting details based on their relationship to each other.
  - Relating – showing how events, situations, ideas and information are connected.
  - Sorting – arranging or separating into types, kinds, sizes, etc.
  - Trend-spotting – identifying things that generally look or behave the same.


**Further Support**
- Provide students with sample graphic organizers that guide them in sorting and organizing their information and notes e.g., cluster (webs), sequence (flow charts), compare (Venn diagram).
- Have students create a variety of graphic organizers that they have successfully used for different writing tasks. Create a class collection for students to refer to and use.
- Provide students with access to markers, highlighter, scissors, and glue, for marking and manipulating their gathered ideas and information.
- Select a familiar topic (perhaps a topic for review). Have students form discussion groups. Ask students to recall what they already know about the topic, and questions that they still have about the topic. Taking turns, students record one idea or question on a stick-on note and place it in the middle of the table. Encourage students to build on the ideas of others. After students have contributed everything they can recall about the topic, groups sort and organize their stick-on notes into meaningful clusters on chart paper. Ask students to discuss connections and relationships, and identify possible category labels. Provide groups with markers or highlighters to make links among the stick-on notes. Display the groups’ thinking.
### Developing and Organizing Ideas: Webbing, Mapping and More

#### Individual and Family Living  Functions of Families (unit 5)

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<td>- Select a current subject-specific writing task (e.g., Functions of Families).</td>
<td>- Recall what they already know about the topic and writing task.</td>
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<td>- Prepare an overhead transparency or chart-paper sample of possible ideas and information gathered on the topic (e.g., point-form notes for a report on the universal functions of the family).</td>
<td>- Make connections to own notes.</td>
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<td>- Using a marker, model for students how to make connections among the ideas and information (e.g., number, circle, colour-code, draw arrows). Different shapes or symbols could be used to symbolize each universal function of the family and/or examples for each universal function.</td>
<td>- Note the links and connections that the teacher makes among ideas and information. Consider the similarities and differences to their thinking.</td>
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<td>- Explain that using a strategy such as webbing or mapping makes it easier to see connections and relationships. Writers often create a graphic organizer to manipulate and group their information into meaningful clusters.</td>
<td>- Recall past use of a webbing strategy to record or organize thinking.</td>
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<td>- Use a web to demonstrate the process of rereading notes and arranging key points to show the connections and relationships. See Student/Teacher Resource, Webbing Ideas and Information.</td>
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<td>- Ask students to contribute to the web by identifying important ideas and key information and by suggesting how to place the points to create a web.</td>
<td>- Contribute to the discussion.</td>
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| - Ask students questions to clarify the decisions. For example:  
  - What does this mean?  
  - Is this important? Why?  
  - Is there another way to sort my notes? | - Note the similarities and differences in responses. |
| - Model for students how to use the web to create a possible outline or template for writing a first draft. Consider the generalizations and/or categories that emerge from the connections and relationships, to help identify subtopics, headings and structure. |                  |
| **After**        |                  |
| - Have students refer to their notes for the writing task. | - Reread notes and identify important information and ideas. |
| - Ask students to create a web by sorting and organizing their ideas and information. | - Use the questions and prompts to rephrase notes, identify key points, and group the ideas and information to create a web. |
| - If appropriate, consider having students who are writing on a similar topic work in pairs to create a web for their combined notes. Some students may prefer to use scissors to cut-and-paste their web. | - Share and compare webs. |
| - Ask students to reread their webs and use them to create an outline for writing. | - Make the connection between the web and possible ways of organizing the information and ideas into a template for writing. |
Webbing Ideas and Information

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**Big Ideas**
- What are the big ideas?
- Can you identify any patterns and trends?
- How are the ideas and information connected?
- What evidence or information is missing?
- Is a particular viewpoint suggested?
- Does the web suggest a writing outline?
Students can build independence as writers when they develop strategies for proofreading their own work. Reading backwards one word at a time is a classic journalist’s strategy for being able to see individual words and identify spelling errors. Reading backwards sentence by sentence will help students identify syntax and punctuation errors. Finally, reading from front to back slowly will help students read for meaning.

**Purpose**
- Help students find their own errors.
- Turn student writing into isolated ideas and sentences so that students recognize their own errors.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- check work before it is submitted for assessment.
- find mistakes without a partner.

**Tips and Resources**
- Reading backwards can be used as an answer-checking strategy in a variety of situations e.g., a test or journal response, an information project, a lab report. In the sample presented, a letter of complaint is provided. Students become acquainted with the literacy strategy by proofreading the sample. See Student Resource, *Letter of Complaint - Uncorrected*.
- In the suggested activity teachers first provide a sample complaint letter and a checklist e.g., Individual and Family Living in Canada, Teacher’s Resource Guide p. 360-361, so that students are familiar with a proper letter of complaint.
- Using the Student Resource, students try out the “backwards reading” strategy in the sample letter provided. Students then compare their findings to a corrected sample, Teacher Resource, *Letter of Complaint - Corrected*.
- Students are then invited to practise writing their own letter of complaint and proofreading their own work.
- See also Student Resource, *Instructions for Reading Backwards*.
- This strategy could also be used with content about making informed consumer decisions (e.g., comparison shopping, reading labels, checking warranties, handling complaints).


**Further Support**
- Start with small 2 to 3 sentence answers before moving to paragraphs and then longer texts.
- Put students in pairs to read each other’s work backwards, matching a stronger student with a struggling student or an ESL student.
## Revising and Editing: Proofreading without Partners

### Individual and Family Living Complaint Letter to Proofread (unit 4)

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<td>• Pose a scenario that directs students to think of their rights and responsibilities as a consumer in the marketplace e.g., a student recently purchased a new pair of jeans only to find later that both legs were made of different fabrics. Ask students to identify strategies that consumers can use to correct these purchase problems e.g., checking warranties and/or store policies, taking merchandise back to the store, etc.</td>
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<td>• Explain that knowing how to complain effectively is part of being a wise consumer, and that letters are successful tools. Emphasize that a letter written in proper format, free from spelling and grammar errors, is more helpful in resolving the complaint.</td>
<td>• Observe a sample complaint letter.</td>
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<td>• Present a sample letter on an overhead transparency. Review basic letter format and a checklist for a letter of complaint e.g., Individual and Family Living in Canada Teacher’s Resource Guide p. 360-361.</td>
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<td>• Explain that “reading backwards” is a useful strategy to check or proofread spelling and punctuation. By reading backwards sentence-by-sentence, students can check for errors without becoming too involved in the content.</td>
<td>• Observe and learn about “reading backwards” as a proofreading strategy.</td>
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<td>• Present and review overhead transparency Student Resource, Instructions for Reading Backwards.</td>
<td>• Practise the strategy using the sample provided on the overhead transparency.</td>
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<td>• Model the strategy of reading backwards by using the sample on an overhead transparency. Do only a small part of the letter e.g., one or two sentences, covering the top part of the sample and moving from the bottom up in think aloud fashion. (Students will complete the rest of the letter on their own.)</td>
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<td>• Provide students with copies of the sample letter, Student Resource, Letter of Complaint - Uncorrected. Ask students to highlight errors and write in corrections.</td>
<td>• Read the last sentence from start to finish, noting any errors.</td>
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<td>• Provide overhead transparency or copies of the corrected letter for comparison. See Student Resource, Letter of Complaint - Corrected.</td>
<td>• Read the second last sentence from start to finish, and note any errors.</td>
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<td>• Engage students in a whole-class discussion about some of the most common errors.</td>
<td>• Continue until entire letter has been proofread.</td>
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<td>• List the most common problem areas or errors on the chalkboard and how they might be corrected.</td>
<td>• Compare their work to the corrected sample.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to write a letter of complaint and use the “backwards reading” strategy for proofreading. (Teachers may wish to provide a common scenario for the class.)</td>
<td>• Contribute to a list of common problem areas or errors and how they might be corrected.</td>
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<td>• Write their letter of complaint.</td>
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<td>• Use the “backwards reading” strategy to proofread their work before handing in for assessment.</td>
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Instructions for Reading Backwards

Unless directed otherwise, work quietly to proofread your own work. Follow these instructions:

1. To proof for spelling…
   - begin with the last word of your draft.
   - read backwards word by word, checking each for correct spelling.

2. To proof for sentence structure, punctuation, grammar and phrasing…
   - begin with the last sentence of your draft and read that sentence from start to finish to find any errors.
   - read the second-last sentence from start to finish and note any errors.
   - continue reading each sentence until you have reached the beginning of your piece of writing.

3. To proof for overall tone and meaning…
   - read from the beginning to the end, checking for meaning and flow.

4. Correct your errors.
   * Ask another student or the teacher for help if you have a problem you can’t solve yourself.
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My friend bought a pair of Faraway jeans to that day and does not have the same problem.

I would like to have the money I spent on the jeans refunded because Enclosed please find the jeans along with the original receipt.

I look forward to your reply and resolution to this problem and I can be found at the above address or by telephone at 405-678-1234.

Yours truly,

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Revising & Editing: Reorganizing Ideas

Individual and Family Living   Financial Responsibility (unit 4)

Writers revisit their writing as they draft to add, delete and change ideas and information. There are specific strategies writers use to revise their writing. One strategy writers use is ARMS (add, remove, move, substitute). (Faigley and Witte, 1981)

Purpose
- Identify different strategies for reorganizing content.
- Examine and determine effectiveness of sentences and paragraph order.

Payoff
Students will:
- organize writing effectively for different purposes in different subject areas.
- organize ideas and information for clarity and emphasis.

Tips and Resources
- Revising is the process of making sure that the writing says what the writer wants it to say. Most writers look for the biggest problems first and then tackle the smaller ones. For example, a writer may begin with the completeness of the content, accuracy and depth of supporting details and evidence, and the way the writing is organized, then look at style, grammar, spelling and usage. Sometimes it is helpful to consider reviewing the writing by looking at paragraphs, then sentences, and finally words and phrases.
- See Student/Teacher Resource, Paragraph Compare.

“Analysing Revision” College Composition 32: 400-410.

Further Support
- Have students select a section of a current writing task that they want to revise, and read it aloud to another student. The partner summarizes/paraphrases the content. The student author notes changes, misunderstandings, and omissions, and then clarifies the partner’s paraphrase. The partner asks questions about the content and the elements of style to clarify the writing’s content and organization. The student author uses the feedback to revise his or her writing.
- Provide students with opportunities to use the computer cut/paste/copy/delete functions to demonstrate their skills in using electronic technology to revise their writing.
- Encourage students to read their writing aloud, and then circle ideas that are confusing, put arrows where information or evidence is missing, and cross out repetitious information or words. This process can also be used to edit writing by circling words and phrases that they wish to improve or that have been overused.
## Revising & Editing: Reorganizing Ideas

### Individual and Family Living - Financial Responsibility (unit 4)

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<td>- Prepare two paragraphs on a subject-related topic. See Student/Teacher Resource, <em>Paragraph Compare</em> for an example.</td>
<td>- Read the paragraphs and summarize the main ideas and details.</td>
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<td>- Have groups read the paragraphs and discuss which is more effective. Ask students to share responses and justify their reasoning (each version has strengths and weaknesses).</td>
<td>- Contribute to discussion by identifying the strengths and weaknesses of each paragraph (e.g., “strong topic sentence,” “supporting details are logical,” “uses evidence to support main idea,” “uses strong words to convince me,” “not enough facts and examples”).</td>
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| - Have students make suggestions for improving the writing (e.g., Add, Remove, Move, Substitute) and determine possible revising questions such as:  
  - Does it make sense?  
  - Is the topic clear?  
  - Is the main idea clear?  
  - Are there enough reasons/details to support the main idea?  
  - Are there examples to support the reasons/details?  
  - Are there details not connected to the topic and main idea?  
  - Is there a closing sentence or conclusion? | - Reread the revision prompts and ask questions about the prompts. |
| - Record the revision prompts. | - Recall writing that they have revised or wanted to revise. Identify the sorts of changes they wanted to make. |
| **During** | | |
| - Prepare a copy (overhead transparency, chart paper) of a draft-writing task on a current topic. Include revision notes such as cross-outs, scribbles, stick-on notes, margin notes, arrows, and inserts. | - Make connections between their revising strategies and the strategies demonstrated by the teacher. |
| - Use the ARMS revision strategy to demonstrate revising and reorganizing ideas in a piece of writing e.g.,  
  - Add something to the writing.  
  - Remove something that confuses or repeats.  
  - Move a section of the text.  
  - Substitute a word, phrase, sentence or example.  
  - Note that some writers reread their writing and then use numbers to indicate how they want to reorganize their writing. Other writers use scissors to cut up their draft writing to reorganize the ideas and information, then tape it together as a new draft. You may wish to demonstrate this strategy for reorganizing ideas and information. | - Decide which strategies they might try using to revise their writing. |
| - Recall writing that they have revised or wanted to revise. Identify the sorts of changes they wanted to make. | | |
| **After** | | |
| - Have students refer to a draft writing task that they want to revise. | - Listen as partner reads draft and paraphrase or summarize the content. |
| - Ask pairs to read their draft aloud, and use the revision question prompts to provide feedback to their partner about the draft writing. | - Note changes, misunderstandings, and omissions, and then clarify the partner’s paraphrase. |
| - Ask student to use the feedback and the ARMS or a cut-and-paste strategy to revise their draft. | - Decide which revision strategies to use to improve own writing. |
Paragraph Compare

Instructions: Read the two paragraphs below. Identify the strengths and weaknesses in each paragraph. Which paragraph do you think is more effective? Justify your decision.

Sample Paragraph 1 - Your Financial Plan

As a teenager, you most likely have some sort of income that you can spend on a number of needs and wants. A smart way to balance your needs and wants with your income is to plan a budget. A budget is a plan for spending and saving your money, based on your income. To plan a budget, first, assess your income. Your income is any money that you take in that is available to spend. Next, evaluate your expenses and spending. A regular expense is called a fixed expense, while expenses that change are called flexible expenses. Create a spending and savings plan. Consider your goals and values. When you feel you have created a suitable budget, follow it. Continue to keep track of your spending. Finally, assess your budget. Was it realistic? Did you overspend? Was it flexible enough to deal with unexpected situations? You may have to rework your budget to suit your changing needs.

Sample Paragraph 2 - Planning a Budget

A budget is a good way to be careful with your money. When planning a budget, first, assess your income. This includes money from jobs as well as gifts. In an ideal world, we would all have enough money to pay for our needs and wants, and have some money left over to save for future needs and wants. However, in the real world, most individuals need to be careful to make certain that they can afford their needs. Next, determine your spending patterns. Identify your fixed and flexible expenses. Keep track of how you spend your money; it may surprise you! Construct a plan to spend and save your money. You can do this by totalling your fixed expenses and subtracting that amount from your income. Any leftover money can be spent on flexible expenses. Put your plan into action. If your budget was satisfactory, you can feel confident about your money management skills.

When students can get the “picture” of a form of writing in their heads, they feel more confident about creating the final product. A template or framework is a skeletal structure for a writing form that allows students to organize their thoughts and researched information in order to write a first draft.

**Purpose**
- Provide students with a template to scaffold their understanding of a form of writing and help them organize information before drafting the piece.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- learn the common expectations for the form and components of a particular writing assignment.
- organize their writing and ensure that it meets the requirements of the assignment.

**Tips and Resources**
- To help students understand how to construct a writing assignment, they may first need to deconstruct an example of that assignment. The same template that is used for structuring student writing can be used initially to analyze examples of a writing form. For instance, before having students use the template to write in a specific form, give them an example of the same kind of writing and have them use the template to identify the example’s main idea, supporting details, transitional sentences, etc. Using the template to deconstruct a piece of writing before writing their own version gives students an exemplar from which to work when they begin their own writing. This activity can also be done in pairs or in small groups.
- Consider using examples from the Ontario Curriculum Exemplars.
- See the explanations and templates for writing a business template, in the following resources:
- There are numerous opportunities for application of this strategy in HIF Individual and Family Living course planning. A computer lab for word processing is an effective place to carry out this activity.
- This strategy may be used in conjunction with brainstorming, Think/Pair/Share and other similar strategies.

**Further Support**
- The template for any individual writing assignment can be revised to make accommodations necessary for students with special needs. For example, reduce the number of paragraphs or supporting details, create differing expectations for research, or for the complexity of the main idea, etc.
Writing for a Purpose: Using Templates

Individual and Family Living  Social Science Research

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<td>• Find or prepare a template appropriate to the writing assignment that students are expected to complete. (See Student Resource, Business-Style Report Template. Other templates are available in Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7-12.)</td>
<td>• Read the example, following the teacher’s oral deconstruction of the first paragraph or part of it.</td>
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<td>• Find an example of the writing form that students can deconstruct. Consider using samples from the Ontario Curriculum Exemplars. Make photocopies, and distribute the example to the students.</td>
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<td>• Model the method for deconstructing the piece of writing using the first paragraph or part of the example:</td>
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<td>- Tell students the name of the form of writing e.g., a report, procedure, or opinion piece.</td>
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<td>- Ask aloud, “What happens in this paragraph-part of this piece of writing?”</td>
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<td>- Answer that question: “This first paragraph of the report is called a summary. In a few sentences, it gives me a sense of what this report is all about and provides two major recommendations.”</td>
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<td>• Ask students to work in groups of four to deconstruct the rest of the example.</td>
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<td>• Engage students in a whole-class discussion following their group work, and record responses about what happens in each part or paragraph of the example.</td>
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<td>• Distribute the template to students to help them consolidate their understanding of what happens in each part of the assigned piece of writing.</td>
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<td>• Share a sample of a template that has been partially completed. See Teacher Resource, Business-Style Report Template – Answer Sheet.</td>
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<td>• Direct students to use the Student Resource, Business-Style Report Template to organize the information they prepare/research for their writing assignment.</td>
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<td>• Monitor student’s work as they begin completing their template.</td>
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<td>• Assign a completion date for the template.</td>
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<td>• Use peer, self, or teacher assessment of the completed template in a subsequent class, before students begin drafting their report, procedure, etc.</td>
<td>• May participate in peer or self-assessment of completed templates in a subsequent class.</td>
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What is a report?

A report is a form of writing that provides information. There are different types of reports, and they can be organized in different ways depending on the purpose and audience. A business-style report is usually based on researched facts or on accurate details of a situation or event, not just on the writer's own knowledge. A report might detail the organization, costs, participation, and success of a certain event such as a concert or banquet. In the HIF10/20 course, students could write a business report on a babysitting service. Students would use their knowledge of child and/or adolescent development to develop a report on a babysitting service they could run in their own community. This could also be tied into the “Getting Ready for Work” section of HIF10/20. In business situations, reports are organized with a summary (or abstract) at the beginning. The purpose of this summary is to give the person reading the report a sense of the main concept. The rest of the report fills in the background information, and indicates the process by which the information was obtained, and makes recommendations.

How do you write a report?

1. **Research** your information, finding it in several different sources – e.g., books, magazines, the Internet. To write a business report on a babysitting service, students could research the physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and moral development of children and adolescents, the relationships between the developmental stages and individual behaviour of children, and how the individual needs of children relate to their developmental stages.

2. **Take notes** from your sources of the key details that you need. Be sure to **record** which information comes from which source so that you can give credit to your sources.

3. Use an **organizer** such as a chart, web, or sub-topic boxes to sort and classify your information into different areas for sub-topics. Subtopics may include knowledge of child development, child behaviour, and child needs.

4. When writing your introduction, think of who your audience might be. If your report is to be made orally to your classmates, you will want to **catch their interest** somehow, perhaps by referring to some personal experiences. If your report is for the teacher or for an “expert” on your topic, you should be more formal and to the point, avoiding the use of “I” and being more objective.

5. Develop each sub-topic paragraph with an appropriate **topic sentence** that shows how the sub-topic links to the topic. For example, if the sub-topic for your paragraph is child development, you could develop a topic sentence about how your babysitting services helps promote positive child development.

6. Make sure that your sub-topic paragraphs have a **logical order** and that they flow smoothly. Use sub-headings to **guide your reader** through a lengthy report with many sub-topics.

7. Write a **conclusion** that summarizes two or three of the main points you wish to make about your topic. Depending on the type of report, write several **recommendations**.

8. **Give credit** to your sources by acknowledging them. List the sources alphabetically by the author's surname, following the pattern below:

Summary:
Provide a three to five sentence summary of the facts and findings of your report:

*Rugrats Babysitting Service is a quality babysitting service in our community managed and run by a teenager in the community with knowledge of child development. Children are cared for in an environment designed to meet the individual needs of each child. The activities that children participate in promote their physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and moral development.*

Key Recommendation:
Hire Rugrats Babysitting Service to care for your child.

Introduction:
Summarize the background to the situation investigated:

*Rugrats Babysitting Service is managed by a teenager in the community who has taken a Family Studies course and learned about child development, healthy snacks for children, and household safety. By hiring Rugrats Babysitting Service, you are assured your child will be cared for in a safe environment which nurtures his or her individual development.*

First subtitle:
Explain the investigative process. How did you find the facts and information?

*Anonymous surveys were sent to all clients of Rugrats Babysitting Service. An eighty percent response rate was documented. Clients rated the babysitting service based on quality of care, children’s attitude towards their babysitter, and communication with parents.*

Second subtitle:
What key information and facts were discovered?

*All clients responded they were pleased with the quality of care provided by the babysitting service. One client stated she appreciated the peace of mind of knowing her child was in good hands while she was at work. Another client stated that the weeknight, weekend, and summer holiday hours of the babysitting service met his/her specific needs.*
Third subtitle:
Compare the situation under investigation to similar situations and explain the solutions in the comparisons that may work in this situation.

There are many teenagers in the local community who provide babysitting services. Rugrats Babysitting Service is different since the teenager who manages the service has knowledge about child development, child nutrition, and child safety. By hiring this babysitting service, clients are assured their children will be provided with a higher quality level of care than other neighbourhood babysitting services.

Conclusion:

Rugrats Babysitting Service promotes the positive individual development of your child. The physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and moral needs of children are met through the different activities children participate in. Child safety is of utmost importance to the Rugrats Babysitting Service.

Write several recommendations:

1. Hire Rugrats Babysitting Service to care for your child.
2. Continue to conduct regular surveys to measure client satisfaction.
3. Continue to provide children with quality care.
# Business-Style Report Template

| **Summary:**  
| Provide a three to five sentence summary of the facts and findings of your report.  
| Key Recommendation: |
| **Introduction:**  
| Summarize the background to the situation investigated. |
| **First subtitle:**  
| Explain the investigative process: How did you find the facts and information? |
| **Second subtitle:**  
| What key information and facts were discovered? |
| **Third subtitle:**  
| Compare the situation under investigation to similar situations and explain the solutions in the comparisons that may work in this situation. |
| **Conclusion:**  
| Write several recommendations.  
| 1.  
| 2.  
| 3. |
Pair Work: Think/Pair/Share

Individual and Family Living  Identifying Practical Skills (unit 3)

In this strategy, students individually consider an issue or problem and then discuss their ideas with a partner.

Purpose
- Encourage students to think about a question, issue, or reading and then refine their understanding through discussion with a partner.

Payoff
Students will:
- reflect on subject content.
- deepen understanding of an issue or topic through clarification and rehearsal with a partner.
- develop skills for small-group discussion, such as listening actively, disagreeing respectfully, and rephrasing ideas for clarity.

Tips and Resources
- Use Think/Pair/Share in all Family Studies subject areas for almost any topic. For example, in Foods and Nutrition, discuss ethical advertising; in Fashion, solve an alteration problem together to better understand the task; in Parenting, exchange hypotheses before conducting a social science investigation.
- Use it to help students with their in-class reading. Ask them to read a chapter, think about the ideas, and then take turns retelling the information to a partner.
- Use it at any point during a lesson, for very brief intervals or in a longer time frame.
- Increase the amount of time devoted to Think/Pair/Share, depending on the complexity of the reading or question being considered. This strategy can be used for relatively simple questions and for ones that require more sophisticated thinking skills, such as hypothesizing or evaluating.
- Take time to ensure that all students understand the stages of the process and what is expected of them.
- Review the skills that students need to participate effectively in Think/Pair/Share, such as good listening, turn-taking, respectful consideration of different points of view, asking for clarification, and rephrasing ideas.
- After students share in pairs, consider switching partners and continuing the exchange of ideas.
- See other strategies, including Take Five and Discussion Web for ways to build on the Think/Pair/Share strategy.

Beyond Monet, pp. 94, 105.

Further Support
- Some students may benefit from a discussion with the teacher to articulate their ideas before moving on to share with a partner.
### Pair Work: Think/Pair/Share

**Individual and Family Living  Identifying Practical Skills (unit 3)**

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<td>• Have students read a selection or prepare a topic, question, or prompt for a planned Think/Pair/Share activity. Examples of questions might include: “What are the practical skills needed to meet the needs of your family?” “How do you, as a teenager, contribute to the your family’s food, clothing, and housing needs?” “What safety features are in your home?” “Which community resources in your neighborhood offer free services?” “What strategies are there for earning money?” “What behaviour is expected of students in summer jobs?” “If you bought a defective product, where could you go to complain?”</td>
<td>• Read the chapter or section, if the Think/Pair/Share is based on information and ideas from a reading selection.</td>
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<td>• Choose a “teachable moment” during the class where the process of reflection and shared discussion would bring deeper understanding, and insert a brief Think/Pair/Share activity into the lesson at that point. In either case:</td>
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<td>• Review listening, speaking, group-role, and small-group discussion skills presented in the Communication unit. These can be directly applied to the Think/Pair/Share activity.</td>
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<td>• Consider the social and academic goals for the Think/Pair/Share activity, and plan for pairing of particular learners that would further those goals.</td>
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<td>• Set clear expectations regarding the focus of thinking and sharing to be done.</td>
<td>• Formulate thoughts and ideas, writing them down as necessary to prepare for sharing with a partner.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to spend several minutes thinking about and writing down ideas.</td>
<td>• Practise good active listening skills when working in pairs, using techniques such as paraphrasing what the other has said, asking for clarification of others’ ideas and orally clarifying their own ideas.</td>
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<td>• Put students in pairs to share and clarify their ideas and understanding.</td>
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<td>• Monitor students’ dialogue by circulating and listening.</td>
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<td>• Call upon some pairs to share their learning and ideas with the class.</td>
<td>• Pinpoint any information that is still unclear after the pair discussion, and ask the class and teacher for clarification.</td>
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<td>• Possibly extend the Think/Pair/Share with a further partner trade, where students swap partners and exchange ideas again.</td>
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<td>• Consider adding a journal writing activity as a productive follow-up to a Think/Pair/Share activity. The journal writing activity could be linked to reporting on the communication process developed in the Communication unit, how group members performed their roles, how small-group discussion was facilitated, or how a conflict in their group was resolved.</td>
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Small-group Discussion: Place Mat

Individual and Family Living  Community Resources (unit 5)

In this easy-to-use strategy, students are divided into small groups gathered around a piece of chart paper. First, students individually think about a question and write down their ideas on their own section of the chart paper. Then students share ideas to discover common elements that can be written in the centre of the chart paper.

Purpose
- Give all students an opportunity to share ideas and learn from each other in a cooperative small-group discussion.

Payoff
Students will:
- have an opportunity to reflect and participate.
- have fun interacting with others and extending their learning while accomplishing the task.

Tips and Resources
- This strategy can be used with a wide variety of questions and prompts in a variety of applications for HIF Individual and Family Living e.g., as an introduction to the course and/or unit and individual expectations, as a way to activate the sharing of background knowledge among students, as a way to stimulate the sharing of ideas and opinions.
- Groups of 2 or 4 are ideal, but the approach can also work with up to 7 students in a group.
- Large pieces of chart paper and markers are required.
- One question or issue may be assigned to all groups in a class situation or several questions or issues for simultaneous consideration may be assigned e.g., all groups may be asked to explore community resources that might assist families who are not able to provide for the physical needs of its members, or individual groups may each be given the task of exploring community resources that assist in helping families achieve other functions. In the latter suggestion, groups then rotate through the other functions until all have been explored.
- The Place Mat process may be timed.
- Place mat templates exist in a variety of forms e.g., four squares with a centre square or circle, a half-sun form with a half-circle at the bottom of the page with sections radiating above, or a half-circle at the top and radiating sections extending downwards, etc.
- This strategy can be used to explain how government, non-profit, businesses, and organizations assist families in performing their functions.
- See Student/Teacher Resource, Place Mat Template.
- See Teacher Resource, Place Mat Template – Example.

Further Support
- Careful consideration for the composition of the groups is important. Choose various methods of arranging group members. This strategy encourages group participation.
- Some students may benefit from being able to “pass” during group sharing.
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<td>• Review the functions of the family (e.g., Individual and Family Living, pp.118 – 122).</td>
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<td>• Decide on one related question or several:</td>
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<td>- One of the key functions of the family is to provide for the physical needs of all members. What groups, businesses, or services exist in our community to help families that cannot perform this function?</td>
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<td>- Families are expected to teach children the skills, values and attitudes that they will need to be good Canadian citizens. What groups, businesses or services exist in our community to help families perform this function?</td>
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<td>- Families are expected to nurture the emotional and mental well being of its members. What groups, businesses or services exist in our community for families who have problems meeting this function?</td>
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<td>• Divide students into groups of 3 or 4.</td>
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<td>• Provide each group with a large piece of chart paper and a marker for each member.</td>
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<td>• Draw the desired template on the chalkboard. Ask the students to draw a similar template on their chart paper allowing enough sections for each member of the group so that each person has their own personal area to write in.</td>
<td>• Draw place mat template as assigned.</td>
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<td>• Direct each group member to think about the question assigned, and then to respond silently, writing in his or her personal area of the place mat for a pre-determined amount of time.</td>
<td>• Gather their thoughts about the chosen question or topic and privately write in their own area of the paper, respecting the space and silence of all members of the group.</td>
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<td>• Give a signal for students in each group to discuss their ideas and experiences and to find the common elements.</td>
<td>• Take turns sharing ideas with the group.</td>
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<td>• Rotate to other functions, if this option has been chosen.</td>
<td>• Engage in discussion with all group members to arrive at common elements or ideas.</td>
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<td>• This activity may lead to a discussion, a guest speaker, or a video, about the natural tension that exists between family and government as a result of government policies.</td>
<td>• Record common ideas in the centre of the place mat.</td>
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<td>• Use oral skills such as active listening, clarification, coming to consensus.</td>
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Write quietly on your own in your section of the border for several minutes.

Through group sharing of ideas and experiences, gather common concerns, concepts, and ideas in this section of the place mat.
Statistics indicate that the highest cost of raising a child is in child care expenses. What child care options exist for families in our community?

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<td>Child care centres</td>
<td>Families who work two jobs at different times so that they don’t have to pay for child care</td>
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<td>Day cares at job sites</td>
<td>Family members like aunts and grandparents</td>
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Small-group Discussions: Determining Key Ideas

Individual and Family Living   Exploring a News Item on a Family Issue (unit 5)

In this strategy, students work individually to identify three to five key ideas. In pairs, they then share ideas and streamline their list of key ideas down to two to four. Finally, two pairs of students combine to share and reduce further their list to one or two key ideas.

Purpose
• Share and consolidate learning when reading new material.

Payoff
Students will:
• understand a topic more deeply.
• share learning with peers.
• sharpen skills in small-group discussion, especially in listening and persuading.
• learn to focus on the "big ideas".
• practise how to summarize ideas.

Tips and Resources
• Use this strategy at the end of a chapter or series of readings to help students summarize the key ideas of this unit.
• Vary the pairing of students so that they learn to work with different partners.
• To help students visualize the process, use Student/Teacher Resource, Steps for Working Together to Determine Key Ideas.
• See Student/Teacher Resource, Topic: A Recent Family Issue in the Media.

Reading Strategies for the Content Areas, pp. 361-364.

Further Support
• ESL students may benefit from pairing with a partner who speaks the same first language, so they can clarify concepts in their first language.
• Post a chart of expressions related to the language of polite negotiation and persuasion so that students can refer to it. For ideas, see Student/Teacher Resource, Speaking Out in Discussion Etiquette.
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<td>• Provide students with blank index cards or stick-on notes.</td>
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<td>• Assign a reading selection such as a newspaper or magazine article based on a recent family issue in the media (i.e., adolescent development, teenagers and crime, divorce rates, adult children living at home, the sandwich generation, etc).</td>
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<td>• Have students write main ideas on blank index cards or stick-on notes.</td>
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<td>• Have students complete an initial summary of the reading in class or for homework before beginning the strategy.</td>
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<td>• Direct students to write three to five key ideas from their reading, one per index card or stick-on note.</td>
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<td>• Read and keep notes of main ideas.</td>
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<td>• Make judgements on what the three to five key ideas of the reading might be.</td>
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<td>• Summarize the key ideas on three to five separate index cards or stick-on notes.</td>
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<td>• Instruct students to form pairs to discuss their key ideas and to narrow these to two to four cards per pair.</td>
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<td>• Then, have two pairs of students work together to further negotiate and refine their key ideas to one or two entries only.</td>
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<td>• If appropriate, review the language of negotiation and polite persuasion with students, in preparation for the negotiation process (e.g., <em>Do you think…? I don't agree with that because… Would you agree that…?</em>).</td>
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<td>• Discuss the key ideas in pairs. Through negotiation, streamline them to two to four ideas per pair. Write the two to four combined ideas on cards.</td>
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<td>• Combine with another pair to further engage in give-and-take and to condense the key ideas to a maximum of two.</td>
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<td>• Continually evaluate their own understanding of the material and its main ideas as they engage in the negotiation process.</td>
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<td>• Call upon each group to report the summaries of their most important ideas to the whole class.</td>
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<td>• Share the selected most important ideas with the class.</td>
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Steps for Working Together to Determine Key Ideas

On your own, summarize three to five key ideas on cue cards or stick-on notes.

In pairs, share your key ideas and, through discussion, streamline them to two or four ideas between you.

In a group of four, discuss and further trim your list of key ideas to one or two, to be shared with the class.
Topic: A Recent Family Issue in the Media

This activity can be done with any recent article about a family issue in the media. The example shown below is based on the article, “Teenagers’ Brains Really Are Different From Their Parents” from Individual and Family Living, E. Meriorg & M. Holloway, Irwin Publishing Limited, Toronto, 2001, p. 19.

1. On your own, summarize three to five key ideas on cue cards or stick-on notes.

   - The frontal lobes of the brain change as humans enter early adulthood.
   - There are huge changes in the brain between ages 13 and 22.
   - For years, researchers believed our genes and environment shaped who we are.
   - Scientists’ understanding of dementia and Alzheimer’s is improving because of frontal lobe research.
   - The frontal lobes control empathy, social interaction, judgement and emotion.

2. In pairs, share your key ideas with your partner and, through discussion, streamline them to two to four ideas between both of you.

   - The frontal lobes of the brain change as humans enter early adulthood.
   - The frontal lobe is the “higher-thinking” part of the brain, and makes us human.
   - There are huge changes in the brain between ages 13 and 22.

3. In a group of four, discuss and further trim your list of key ideas to one or two, to be shared with the class.

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In this strategy, students individually consider an issue and move to an area in the room where they join others who share their ideas. The beauty of this strategy is that it is flexible and can be used for many topics, questions, and different areas in Family Studies.

**Purpose**
- Allow students to make personal decisions on various issues; encourage critical thinking.
- Encourage an exchange of ideas in small groups.
- Facilitate whole-class discussions of these ideas.

**Payoff**
Students will:
- make up their minds on an issue.
- speak freely in a relaxed environment.
- think creatively and critically.

**Tips and Resources**
- Encourage students to make up their own mind concerning the issue.
- Questions or statements need to have the potential for varying degrees of opinion.
- There are several variations of this strategy:
  - Consider using more than four areas for a response – even six responses can work well with various questions.
  - Try using only two responses; draw a line dividing the room. Ask students to stand on one side of the line or the other, depending on their decision.
  - Vary the approach by creating a value line. Ask students to rank themselves by lining up in a single line of a continuum, from strongly agree to strongly disagree. This will make student exchanges a necessity so that students can discover exactly where they fit along the line.
- Use the suggested activity as an introduction to the study of self-concept and identity to assess what students already know and understand.
- Class summaries may be compared to other readings and activities on the topic e.g., *Individual and Family Living*, pp.32 – 36.
- See topic suggestions in Teacher Resource, *Four Corners*.

**Further Support**
- The teacher may need to encourage some students and promote equal responses in groups.
Whole-class Discussions: Four Corners

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<td>• Choose a topic from the suggested list. See Teacher Resource, <em>Four Corners</em>.</td>
<td>• Observe the labels located in different areas of the room.</td>
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<td>• Organize the room into four areas (corners) and label with: strongly agree,</td>
<td>• Listen carefully to understand the procedure for the upcoming activity.</td>
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<td>agree, disagree, or with four other descriptors/categories.</td>
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<td>• Explain to the students that a question or statement will be presented.</td>
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<td>Students will then have one or two minutes to think about the question and to</td>
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<td>• Present the question or statement.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to move to the corner that best represents their stance on the</td>
<td>decision as to the position they will take.</td>
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<td>issue.</td>
<td>• Move to the corner that best describes their personal views on the issue.</td>
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<td>• Direct students to get into groups of three, if possible, within their area,</td>
<td>• Engage in an exchange of ideas with other members of their group, practising</td>
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<td>to discuss the reasons for their choice. In cases where the groups are not</td>
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<td>large enough, pairs may be formed, and where only one student is in a group,</td>
<td>• Ensure that all group members are heard and share their ideas.</td>
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<td>• Call upon each group to share information gathered while in small-group</td>
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<td>discussions with the whole class.</td>
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<td>• Compare class summaries to other readings and activities on the topic e.g.,</td>
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Four Corners Activity

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<td>Strongly Disagree</td>
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Possible Statements for Four Corners Activity:

- “Who I am” is the result of the genes I inherited from my parents.
- I am who I am because of my surroundings.
- How I think others see me influences my behaviour.
- Teenagers generally feel pretty good about themselves.