



Start from the beginning



Where to start: Learning to summarize a story is an important skill that should be practiced with more complex stories as children get older. Start with a conversation about a recent favorite book, movie, or TV show. Talk about the details to refresh their memory, and ask why things happened the way they did – did one event cause another to happen?

Prompt: Write about a book, TV show, or movie you enjoyed recently. What was it about? What happened? How did it end?

How to go deeper: Draw and label a "story map" – a picture that puts the most important events of the story in order. (Use the back of this page to draw.)