

# Summarizing Texts

- A summary is a concise restating of the key points of a text without necessary details.
- Picture yourself telling a good friend about a passage or story you have just read. How would you answer the question “Well, what was it about, anyway?” Your one-sentence answer is probably a pretty good summary of the heart of the passage.
- Summaries reflect and condense the whole text. A summary cannot refer to just a portion of the text.

# Perceiving Relationship and Recognizing Outcomes

- As you read, make a mental list of the “cast of characters” and how they relate to each other.
- The author gives you clues to the meaning by using images, descriptive words, and comparisons. Think about these clues to see what the author is telling you about a person or situation.
- When you are asked to judge the likelihood of a particular outcome, look for supporting evidence in the text.