

Comprehension
ELL Strategy: Omit, Keep, and Summarize (OKS)

Summarize
in one sentence

Procedures:

1. Provide each student with a transparency and an erasable marker to place on top of the text.
2. The teacher will model his/her thinking throughout the entire process.
3. The teacher reads aloud the targeted paragraph/s and has students follow along.
4. Inform students that they will summarize the paragraph/s using the OKS technique.
5. Help students identify and omit trivial text using the erasable marker.
6. Read aloud the unmarked text as a class. Teacher will model various sentences to rephrase the remaining text into one sentence.
7. Have students practice rephrasing and summarizing other paragraphs.

FAQ: How do I help my beginning ELLs participate in this activity since they are struggling readers? Beginning ELLs should be paired with more proficient ELLs or monolingual English students. The mere act of participation will help ELLs process the OKS technique, improve reading and note-taking skills.