



Comprehension

C. 019

Expository Text Structure
In My Own Words

Objective

The student will paraphrase text.

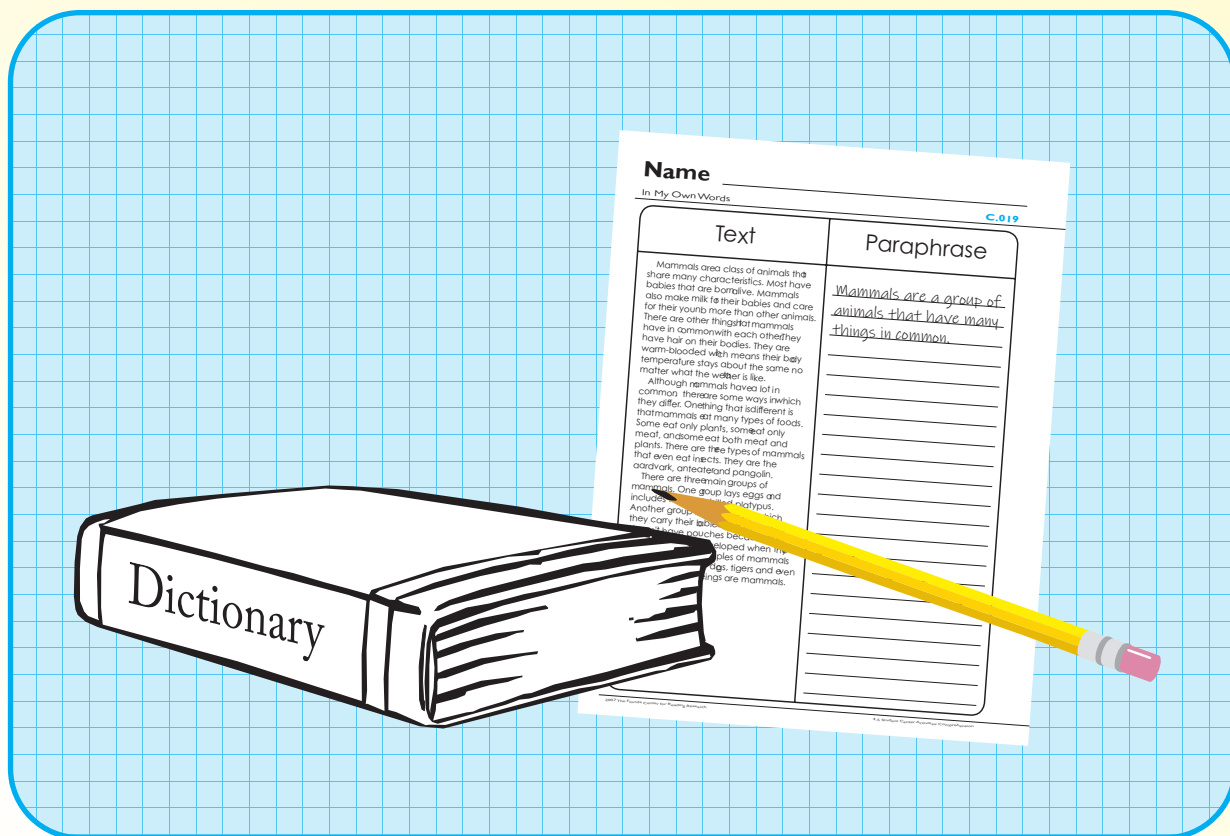
Materials

- ▶ Expository text
Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.
Format text to fit on left side of student sheet, attach, and copy.
- ▶ Student sheet
- ▶ Dictionary
- ▶ Pencil

Activity

Students rewrite text in own words.

1. Provide the student with a student sheet.
2. Student reads or reviews the text. Looks up any unfamiliar words in the dictionary, if necessary.
3. Underlines any important words, phrases, or sentences.
4. Rewrites each sentence in own words.
5. Rereads what is written and confirms that the meaning is comparable to the original text.
6. Teacher evaluation



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Discuss text with a partner and paraphrase text together.
- ▶ Write a summary statement based on the text on the back of the student sheet.

