

SCIENCE LITERACY: CHARACTERISTICS OF LIFE

Lesson Instructions

4 Reading Passages

Video Supplement
Recommendations!

CHARACTERISTICS OF LIFE SCIENCE LITERACY LESSON: PARAPHRASING

INSTRUCTIONS

This activity is set up as a gradual release of responsibility lesson for students with using the literacy skill of paraphrasing with a focus on related texts. For this assignment, the topic is a Biology focus and using characteristics of life as its content.

*Use a video clip on paraphrasing or discussing the characteristics of life added understanding and engagement prior to this activity. Possible links:

[Paraphrasing Strategies \(3m\)](#)

[How to Paraphrase- Don't Cheat...Paraphrase \(5m\)](#)

[Characteristics of Life \(2m\)](#)

[Characteristics of Life \(7m\)](#)

Part 1: Whole class- As a class, you will complete page 1. Read the instructions and paraphrase the text.

Part 2: Peer Collaboration- With a partner, or a small group, students will complete page 2. Students will read the passage and share out their work. Afterwards, they should collaborate regarding paraphrasing with a peer.

Part 3: Independent Practice- Independently, students will complete Page 4. Students will read the passage and paraphrase (this could be assigned for homework). Again, students should share out their work.

Part 4: Finally, students should complete the think about it page independently or as a whole class discussion.

Extend the Lesson

