



Data Analysis and Generalizations

Summarizing

STUDENT ACTIVITY

The Rule-Based Strategy is a way for you to use some basic rules or steps to summarize information in a text. Use the following suggestions to make summaries of the student text. The following are the rules to follow using this strategy:

Rule-Based Strategy

- Delete trivial material that is unnecessary to understanding.
- Delete redundant material.
- Substitute superordinate terms for lists (e.g., "elements" for "silicon, aluminum, and gold").

	aluminum, and gold").Select a topic sentence. If none exits, create one.
1.	Silently read the first paragraph of your student text. Write down a topic sentence that describes the essence of what you have read.
2.	Rewrite a portion of the second paragraph, but eliminate any trivial or unnecessary information.
3.	Rewrite a portion of this paragraph, this time replacing lists of terms with superordinate terms.
4.	Rewrite a portion of this paragraph, this time using simpler terms.



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6. Repeat this process for the other assigned paragraph(s) in the text in the space below. Make a note of which rule you are applying as you summarize.	
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5. Using the rewrites from the previous page, combine your sentences to make a complete summary. Re-read