

UNPACKING TEXT

HOW PAIRS OR SMALL GROUPS COULD WORK TOGETHER TO DECODE A PIECE OF TEXT

Read	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In groups, read the passage (not longer than 500 or so words).
Highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use one colour for what students think are the main ideas of the passage.• In another colour, highlight words or terms they do not know.
Vocab	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen while members of the group share terms/words they highlighted.• Students clarify and define the words.
Main ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss similarities and difference in their choices of main ideas.• Reach consensus about which things are the essential key points.
Abstract	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each person writes an abstract of 25 words using the key points.• Members listen to each other's abstract and discuss similarities and differences.
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the best abstract/s, group members construct a succinct statement of the main idea.