

Summarizing: Support at Home

USING MODELING AND VISUALS WITH FICTION TEXT FOR AUTISTIC STUDENTS: SUMMARIZING ROUTINE

| <i>Somebody Wanted But So Then</i> is a reading comprehension strategy that works well for autistic children to help them summarize fiction stories that they read. Using the graphic organizer with the summarizing routine provides a good visual and scaffold for autistic children. | Somebody | Wanted | But | So | Then |
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| | Who is the main character? | What did the character want? | What was the problem? | How did the character try to solve the problem? | How the problem was finally solved? |
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TIPS FOR PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN:

- ❑ Fables are good to use with this strategy because there is a clear beginning, middle, and end. Remember that animals can be the character in the story.
- ❑ Start with familiar stories (or even personal narratives). Practice using the graphic organizer with familiar stories before applying this strategy to a new/unfamiliar text.
- ❑ Some autistic children may be frustrated by writing. Allow your child to copy and paste text from the book to the graphic organizer, if using the computer. Or allow your child to label each section directly in the text with a copy of the visual, instead of writing on the graphic organizer.
- ❑ At first, you may not have your child complete the entire graphic organizer. Have them only focus on one part (like the “wanted” section) and do the oral summary at the end. You can model the rest for them!

TIPS FOR FINDING BOOKS:

- ❑ Use Reading Rocket's **Book Finder** to search specifically for fiction texts and/or short stories and folk tales. readingrockets.org/bookfinder
- ❑ Subscribe to **Reading A-Z** (or do their free trial) to download books your child can read online. Use the filters to choose fiction books on your child's reading level. readinga-z.com
- ❑ Use the **Epic** website/app to download free and purchased e-books. Search by reading level and child interests. Filter for fiction. getepic.com

LEARN MORE ABOUT SUMMARIZING:

- ❑ TRIAD Learning Module: register for a free account at triad.vkclearning.org then see bit.ly/3V65Kc9
- ❑ Reading Rockets: readingrockets.org/strategies/summarizing
- ❑ National Behaviour Support Service:
nbss.ie/sites/default/files/publications/somebody_wanted_but_so_c_0.pdf

SOME FICTION BOOKS TO USE WITH THE SUMMARIZING ROUTINE:

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|  | Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog Sara Swan Miller |
|  | Bravo Grace Mary Hoffman |
|  | I Wish I Could Fly Like a Bird! Katherine Denison |
|  | How Georgie Radbourn Saved Baseball David Shannon |
|  | Nate the Great Marjorie Sharmat |

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