

[Teacher] Today we're going to read a passage, and it's about whales and fish. While you're reading this paragraph, I want you be thinking who or what this paragraph is about, okay? The other thing I want you to be thinking about is what is the most important idea about this who or what?

[Narrator] The teacher has the students read the first two paragraphs of the passage aloud. Afterwards, she provides a gist log so students can record their answers about the paragraphs. Once the students have completed their gist log, the teacher asks a student to identify who or what the paragraphs were about and what is the most important information was about the who or what. Then she writes the student's response on the board. She then chooses another student to create a gist statement with ten words or less.

[Student] Whales and fish both live in water but breathe differently.