

# Unit 4

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## Reader's Notebook: Reading News Articles

### A Rock and Roll Summer

#### Use what you know:

1.	What do you know about playing rock and roll music?	Answers will vary.
2.	What do you know about Isabella and her family?	They all play instruments, she plays drums.
3.	Who can attend the camp?	Answers vary from 9 - 16 and who want to play music.
4.	How would you feel if you had the chance to go to a rock and roll camp?	Answers will vary.

#### Visualize:

1.	What instrument would you play?	Answers will vary.
2.	What would you be doing?	Answers will vary.
3.	What would your band name be?	Answers will vary.

#### Synthesize:

1.	What three important facts did you discover about this kind of camp?	Kids at this music camp learn how to play in a band, write songs, use stage equipment, and perform music on stage.
2.	Write a statement or conclusion about this summer camp from your synthesized information.	Kids interested in music will enjoy this camp because they learn about writing songs, improving their musical ability, performing for an audience, and using real equipment.

## You Don't Have to Run Away to Join the Circus!

This news article is about the circus. You already may know lots of information about the circus and its performers, such as jugglers, tightrope walkers, and other people and animals that can do tricks.

### Use what you know:

1.	What do you know about circus performers?	They are on tightrope, aerial acrobats, etc.
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### Visualize:

1.	What activities were part of the camp?	Circus skills - juggling, tightwire, trapeze, trampoline.
2.	How do you think Hilton felt about going to the circus camp?	Excited.
3.	What might Hilton have said about being at camp?	I hope I can go back to the camp next summer.

### Synthesize:

1.	What is one way that you use what you already know to help you read the text?	Answers will vary.
2.	How does it help you?	Answers will vary.
3.	Write a statement or conclusion about this summer camp from your synthesized information.	Student responses will vary but may be similar to the following: "To perform in a circus, a person must learn many challenging skills and be in top physical shape."

## Young Fossil Hunter Attends A "Dino-mite" Camp

### Use what you know:

1.	What is one way that you use what you already know to help you read the text?	Pictures help understand text, background knowledge, thinking about it in my head.
2.	How does it help you?	Understand what is being said.

### Visualize:

Read the title and the first paragraph. Now, sketch a stick figure/picture of yourself at a dino-mite camp. Include a thought bubble. Sketch this in the box below.

Read the remainder of page 14. When you finish, draw a sketch of Jade at the camp and include speech or thought bubbles. How is this sketch similar to or different from the one you drew yourself?

Sketch directly on your worksheet or use a drawing program (<http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/comic/>).

Attach your pictures in the boxes below.

- Enter a caption for each image in the spaces below the images.

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## Synthesize:

1.	What three important facts did you discover about this kind of camp?	Three facts learned about a "dino-mite camp" are that participants cook and eat outdoors and sleep in Teepees; students hike to different activities and use tools the scientists use to dig dinosaur bones and fossils; students make a cast of dinosaur teeth; students learn a lot about dinosaurs.
2.	Write a statement or conclusion about this summer camp from your synthesized information.	Students at a "dino-mite camp" learn a lot about dinosaurs through active participation: by hiking to areas in which they lived, digging with special tools, and making casts of teeth and bones.

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## Article Syntheses

Synthesize information in the three articles you just read by answering the following question:

1.	What three facts about camps are similar in all three news articles?	They are all about camps, you learn new skills, all kids camp.
2.	Write a statement or conclusion about summer camps from your synthesized information.	One was about science, one on playing music, one on circus skills. All activities are unique and exciting for kids interested in those activities.