

# The Gist Strategy

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Schemata & Text**



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**Read** the **first & second** sentences of a paragraph  
**Retell** the sentences in 10 or fewer words

**Continue** with the **same procedure** for the rest of the paragraph

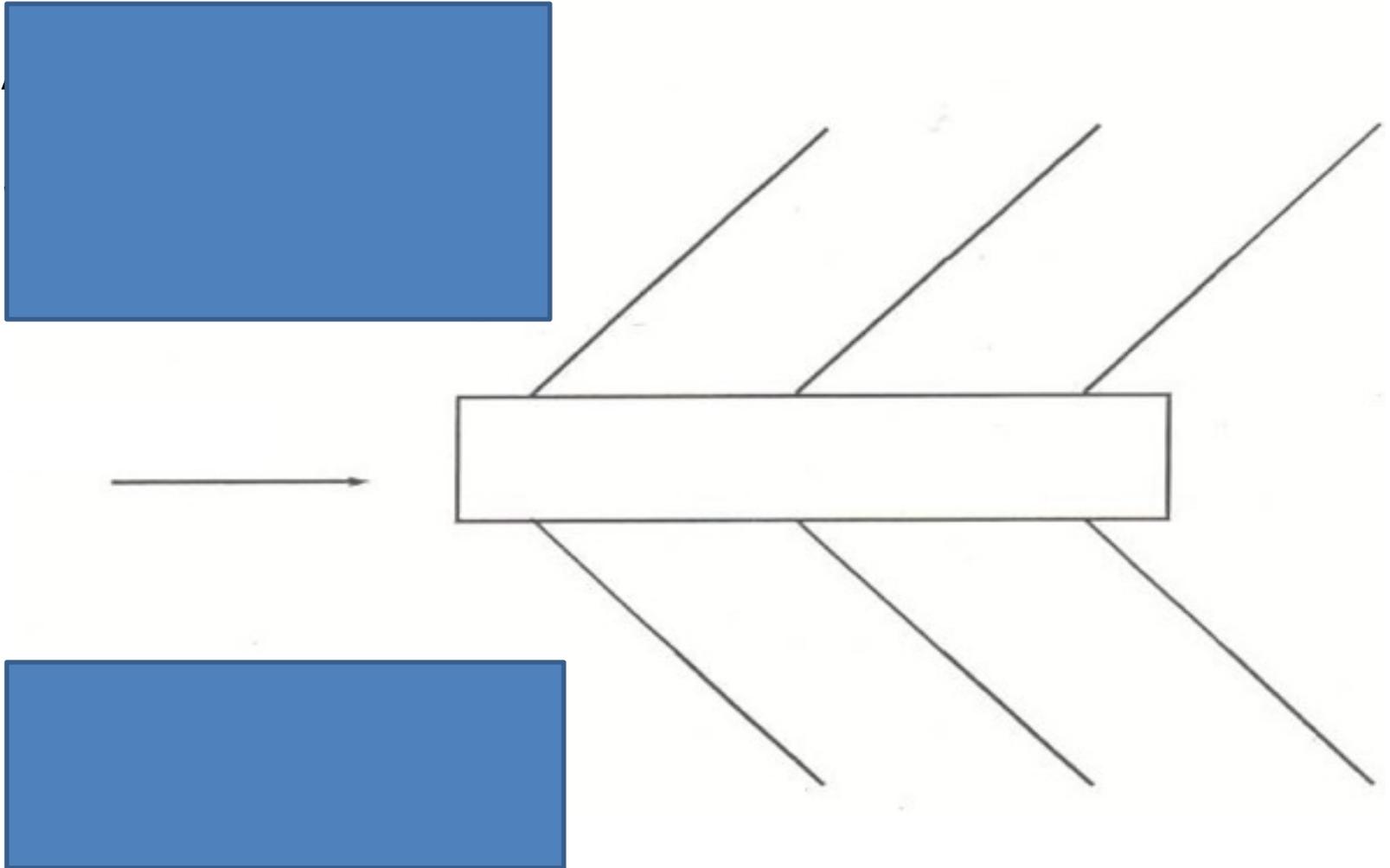
**Summarize** the entire paragraph

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# Annotating—An Example

Isaac Newton

3 laws

Explain

Movement of objects

Laws of motion

Confusing

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Predicts behavior of moving objects and those at rest  
Unless acted upon by an  
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Newton's first law, the Law of Inertia, predicts behavior of still and moving objects when acted upon by an unbalanced force.



## The Shrinking Paragraph and Other Strategies

# The *Paragraph Shrinking* Activity

Learning to identify and state the **main idea**:

Name the **who** or **what** (the main person, animal, place, or thing the passage is about)

1. Tell the most **important thing** about who or what
2. Write the **main idea** in 10 words or less



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WHO: **Amelia Earhart**      HOW: **filled with near disasters**

WHERE: **in an airplane**

WHAT @ HER? **First solo transatlantic flight**

WHEN: **from start to finish**

WHY:

# Put it all together

Who?

What about her?

Stated Main Idea: Amelia Earhart's first solo transatlantic flight was filled with near disasters

How?



# Topic/Question/Answer Model

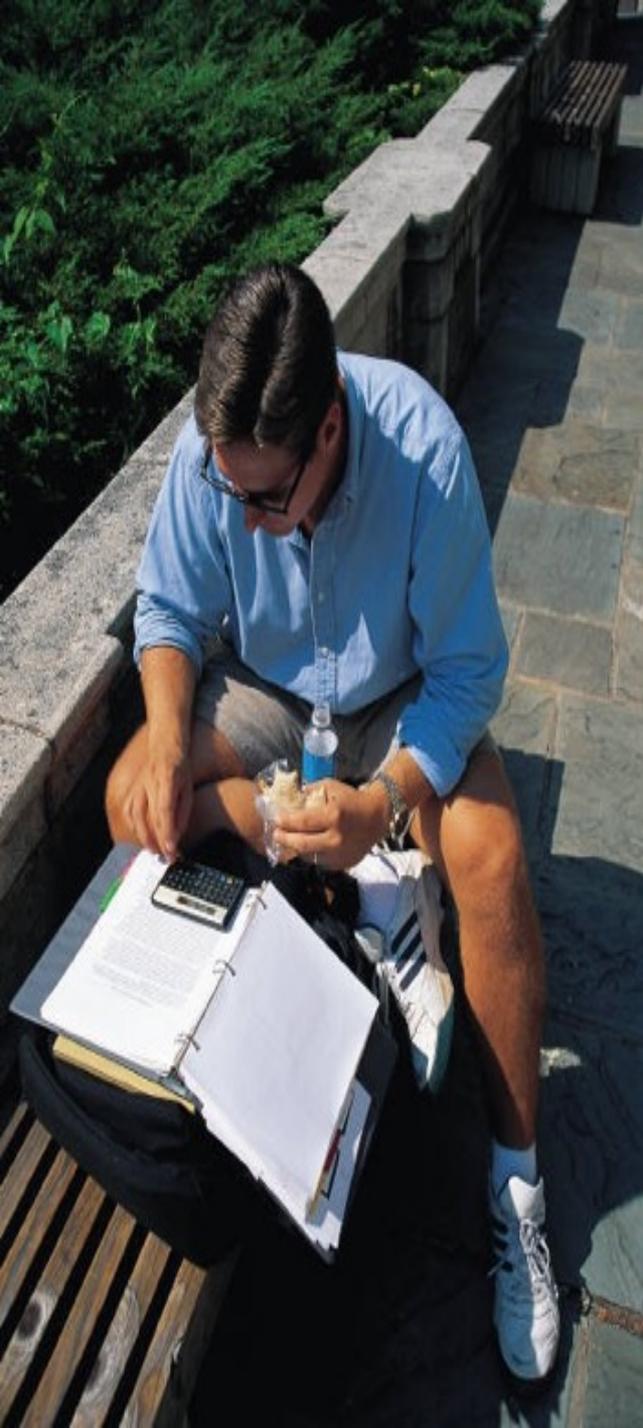
**Topic:** Amelia Earhart's first solo transatlantic flight

**Question:** What about it?

**Answer:** filled with near disasters



**Summary:** Amelia Earhart's first solo transatlantic flight was filled with near disasters.



# READ

**Read** the paragraph to get an idea of what it is about (**Topic**)

Look for important words that are repeated

**Evaluate** each sentence and highlight, underline, or circle the important words

Write the words you underlined/circled for each sentence

**Analyze** the words you underlined to determine what they have in common

**Decide** upon the main idea

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## Summary:

The man can't lose weight because he enjoys the things that make him gain weight.

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**Summary:**

Burn injuries are classified in three