

Take Notes and Record Findings

As you research a subject, **taking notes** and **recording findings** of important information helps give your research a focus. You may want to organize your notes by main ideas and details or as answers to questions you have about the subject.

Directions Look at the chart below. Read the paragraph and highlight or underline important information as you read. Then record your findings in the lists to complete them.

Albino Animals

Imagine seeing an animal that looks like a deer, but it's different. It has white fur and pink eyes! The tail, the ears, and everything else look the same. Just the color is different. This animal is an albino deer. Albinos have a trait that is different from that of others of its species. An albino animal has no pigment in its skin, hair, or eyes. That's why the skin, fur, or feathers are white. Deer are not the only albino animals. Many others have been discovered. There are albino dogs, squirrels, leopards, and even birds.

| Why It Is White | Features | Kinds of Animals |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| has different traits | looks like others | dogs |
| 1. no pigment _____ | 2. white fur, skin, or feathers _____ | leopards |
| | 3. pink eyes _____ | squirrels |
| | | 4. deer _____ |
| | | 5. birds _____ |



Home Activity Your child read a paragraph and recorded important information about it in categories. Help your child find a paragraph in a reference book, nonfiction text, or from a Web site. Ask your child to take notes about the important information in the paragraph.