

Outlining

Summarizing is finding the most important ideas about a topic. You can summarize when you read sources during research. One way to summarize is by making an outline. An **outline** shows a main idea and details, like the one shown below.

Favorite Mexican Dishes

I. Meat

A. Beef

1. Dried beef
2. Grilled beef steak

B. Poultry

1. Chicken
2. Chicken enchiladas

II. Vegetables

A. Beet salad

B. Zucchini with corn

III. Fruit

A. Grapefruit salad

B. Mango salsa

Directions Write the words from the box in the outline. Use the outline above as a guide.

Shrimp Peppers Spaghetti Parmesan Vegetables

Common Italian Ingredients

I. Cheese

A. Mozzarella

B. **Parmesan**

II. **Vegetables**

A. Mushrooms

B. Onions

C. **Peppers**

III. Pasta

A. Rigatoni

B. **Spaghetti**

IV. Fish

A. Salmon

B. Sea bass

C. **Shrimp**



Home Activity Your child learned how to make an outline to summarize ideas. Write the names of several different foods. Ask your child to organize the food names in an outline by food groups.