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Learning Strategy
(Unit 3, page 34, Reading)

READING STRATEGY: summarizing

When you summarize, you express the main ideas in your own words. You use fewer words, so it is shorter than the original. Summarizing helps you better understand the meaning of what you have read.

To summarize a passage, read it several times until you understand it. Then underline the most important ideas. Finally, use those ideas to rewrite the passage in your own words. Be sure to keep the original idea.

PRACTICE

The paragraphs below are Mr. Brott's response in the Reading on page 34. Read each paragraph and underline the important ideas. Then summarize each, using your own words. The first paragraph has been done for you.

Most North Americans expect their children to move out of the house at eighteen. But that's changing. Today, more adult children are returning home to live. Some don't have jobs or can't pay for the high costs of housing. Some are recently separated or divorced. Most are single, but some come home with a wife, husband, or child, too.

In North America, many adult children are moving back home to live with their parents. This is because they don't have jobs or housing is too expensive, or they are recently separated or divorced.

Most parents are happy when their kids come back home to live. However, when a son or daughter can't find a job—or is recently divorced—there can be problems. And if their son or daughter is still at home at the age of thirty-five, many parents are no longer happy.

Don't worry. If you and your daughter had a good relationship when she was younger, she'll be fine. Help her in any way you can. And it's OK to ask, "How long do you plan on staying?"

Don't treat your daughter like a child. In our culture, adult children don't feel good about living at home, and they don't want to depend on their parents' help. Tell her you understand.

Talk to your daughter as an adult. Have a discussion about paying for expenses and helping with household responsibilities and chores, such as kitchen cleanup and doing laundry. If you and your daughter talk and try to understand each other, everyone will be happier.
