After your partner reads a paragraph, ask them:

- 1. Name the who or what this section is mainly about (main character or big idea)
- 2. Tell what the most important thing your learned about the who or what of this section.
- Give a quick summary of the main idea of this section.
 a. Keep it short and sweet (e.g., 10 words or less)

Offering Help: Your partner may need your help if they get stuck or provide an incorrect answer.

If...

- They don't correctly identify the main character.
- Their summary is too long (e.g., way more than 10 words).
- They are unsure about the main idea of the section.

Then...

- Let them know which part they didn't answer completely correct and ask if they would like to skim and retry.
 - For example: "I noticed that your summary was way longer than 10 words. Would you like to look back over the section you read and try summarizing the main idea again?"
- If you partner is still struggling to come up with the correct answer, you can certainly help by offering your idea(s).
 - > For example: "Do you want to try summarizing this section together? I know this section talked about a lot of things, but I think it's mainly about..... because......"



Paragraph Shrinking

