



Paraphrasing: In my own words

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

1. Read the paragraph. Then, in your own words, write four fun facts about jellyfish.

Jellyfish have been around for millions of years. In fact, they are older than dinosaurs! There are over 2000 species of jellyfish in the world. Some are clear, but others are bright yellow, blue, pink or purple. Some even produce their own light! Jellyfish have a bag-like body and tentacles that are packed with tiny cells that can sting. Jellyfish don't have a heart, bones, eyes or even a brain! Instead, they have nerves in their tentacles that can sense touch and temperature. They then rely on automatic reflexes that respond to these stimuli! They use their mouths to eat and discard waste. Their mouths also squirt water, which helps propel them forward. They like to eat fish, shrimp, crabs and small plants. They don't purposely attack humans, but they do sting when they are accidentally touched.



2. Read the paragraph. Then, in your own words, share what you learned about chewing gum!

There's evidence that humans have been chewing substances that resemble chewing gum for thousands of years. In North America, Native Americans used to chew resin (a type of sap) from spruce trees. This practice was then taken up by European settlers. In the 1840s, a man named John Curtis produced the first commercial gum by boiling spruce tree resins and then cutting it into strips. He then coated the strips with cornstarch to keep them from sticking together. He went on to develop the world's first chewing gum factory in Portland, Maine in the 1850s. Over the years, recipes for gum were changed and modified. By the mid 1900s, gum contained mostly synthetic (not natural) ingredients. Today, about 374 billion pieces of chewing gum are sold around the world each year.
