

# ONLINE READING COMPREHENSION LAB



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# Synthesizing What You Read

## Synthesis:

The combination of two or more things to produce something new

# Synthesis for Reading:

Taking ideas from what you read and combining them to form new ideas

# Analyzing vs. Synthesizing

#### **Analyzing**

Involves breaking down ideas into their parts.

For example, you can break down a pizza into its ingredients.



### **Synthesizing**

Involves combining ideas to form new ones.

Or, you can take those same ingredients and create something new, like a calzone.



#### **Summarizing:**

State someone else's ideas into as few words as possible



#### Synthesizing:

Compare or combine the ideas you've read to form new ones



