

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.

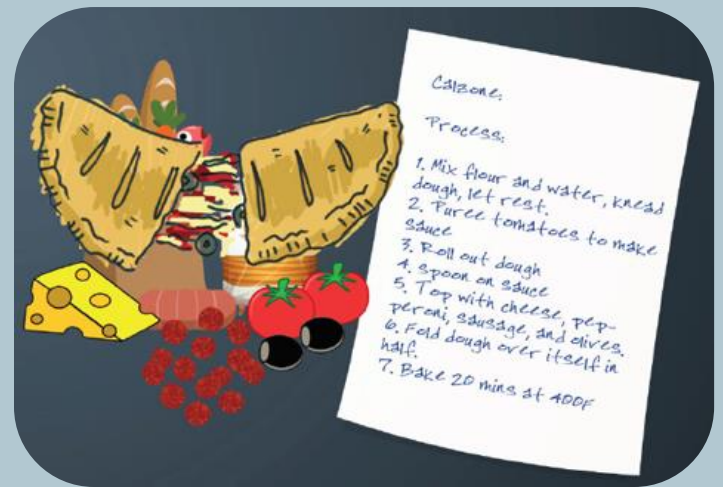
For example, you can break down a pizza into its ingredients.



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