

TABLE 11.2

Reciprocal Dialogue Example

Text:	In the United States, salt is produced by three basic methods: solar (sun) evaporation, mining, and artificial heat evaporation. For salt to be extracted by solar evaporation, the weather must be hot and dry. Thus, solar salt is harvested in the tropic-like areas along our southern ocean coasts and at Great Salt Lake.
Chris:	Name three different basic methods for how salt is produced.
Angela:	Evaporation, mining, evaporation . . . artificial heat evaporation.
Chris:	Correct. Very good. My summary on this paragraph is about ways that salt is being produced.
Teacher:	Very good. Could you select the next teacher? (Chris selects another student to read.)
Text:	The second oldest form of salt production is mining. Unlike early methods that made the work extremely dangerous and difficult, today's methods use special machinery, and salt mining is easier and safer. The old expression "back to the salt mine" no longer applies.
Logan:	Name two words that often describe mining salt in the old days.
Ken:	Back to the salt mines?
Logan:	No, Ken. Angela?
Angela:	Dangerous and difficult.
Logan:	Correct. This paragraph is all about comparing the old mining of salt and today's mining of salt.
Teacher:	Beautiful!
Logan:	I have a prediction to make.
Teacher:	Good.
Logan:	I think it might tell when salt was first discovered; well, it might tell what salt is made of and how it's made.
Teacher:	OK. Can we have another teacher?
Text:	Table salt is made by the third method—artificial evaporation. Pumping water into an underground salt bed dissolves the salt to make a brine that is brought to the surface. After purification at high temperatures, the salt is ready for our tables.
Ken:	After purification at high temperatures the salt is ready for what?
Chris:	Our tables.
Ken:	That is correct. To summarize, after its purification, the salt is put on our tables.
Teacher:	That was a fine job, Ken, and I appreciate all that work, but I think there might be something else to add to our summary. There is more important information that I think we need to include. This paragraph is mostly about what?
Angela:	The third method of artificial evaporation.
Brian:	It mainly tells about pumping water from an underground salt bed that dissolves the salt to make a brine that is brought to the surface. Angela hit it right on the money. This paragraph is mostly about the method of artificial evaporation and then everything else in the paragraph is telling us about that process.
Teacher:	OK. Next teacher.