

## Summarizing the reading

Use your notes to write a short paragraph about how to keep your family safe from coyotes in the city. Try to look at your notes, not the reading.

Answers will vary. The paragraph below is an example

There are several things that you can do to help keep yourself and your children safe from coyotes. First, you should make sure that your house and yard are not attracting coyotes. Make sure that there are no food sources for coyotes in your yard. This includes pet food, bird food, berries, and garbage. You should also try to ensure that you have fences that are in good repair and that you put fences around your deck and patios. You can also clear low branches from trees and put in motion sensing lights. It is a good idea to keep your cats indoors and supervise your dogs when they are outside. You should also be sure to clean up dog feces from your yard. Finally, make sure your kids know what to do if they ever see a coyote. They should not run away, but instead, yell and wave their arms. If they are walking a dog, they should make sure that it is on a leash.

<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>TITLE: COYOTES</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Adrienne	Bill Abercrombie climbs out of his pickup truck. The trapper is a big bear of a man.	0:00
Bill	Okay.	0:07
Adrienne	Six foot five with hands like dinner plates. He's been on a hunt for wild animals all his life, working trap lines from Alberta to Alaska. Today what he considers to be his most worthy foe: a coyote.	0:08
Bill	She walks around residential areas like she owns the place. She has no fear of humans and she sees and notices everything.	0:22
Adrienne	And there's a lot to notice. We're smack dab in the middle of the city, traipsing through a tiny triangular park surrounded by homes. Bill points to a tall tree.	0:30
Bill	Sitting here all day and they'll watch. Right under a spruce tree and no one will even know they're here. Their brain, and especially their nose, it's just like a computer. And it just gathers data.	0:41
Adrienne	He stops and picks up a white tuft of fur.	0:53
Bill	Hair off a jack rabbit.	0:56
Adrienne	A coyote able to creep up on this rabbit but Bill Abercrombie knows it's next to impossible to sneak up on a coyote. The animal he's talking about is called number 13. It took him three weeks to capture her, tracking, decoys, and live traps, all for one goal.	0:58
Bill	So that we could get a collar on her. And it was tricky. She was certainly a worthy adversary. We finally got her but it took some doing. Quite a few mad hours were involved in capturing this particular coyote. You know she's very impressive.	1:15
Adrienne	Colleen Cassidy Sinclair agrees. She's a biologist with the University of Alberta and she's in charge of this project.	1:30
Colleen	The coyotes that we're tracking now are wearing a brand new device. It's called a GPS collar but it has a particular technology, GSM. It's using the same cell phone network that Roger's cell phones use. So if you will, we've put little cell phone on the coyotes.	1:37
Adrienne	Over the last two years she, Bill, and some undergraduate students have been able to capture, collar, and release, 23 animals for research needed across North America right now.	1:55
Colleen	Coyotes are increasing in their prevalence, their abundance, and in their boldness, all across North America. And this is occurring especially in several cities. So Edmonton isn't the only one. Calgary also has a lot of coyotes, so does Vancouver, Seattle, Toronto, Chicago, even New York.	2:06
Adrienne	And more and more, they're making the news.	2:27

DIFFERENT NEWS STORIES	LAST NIGHT A XXXX MAN WOKE UP TO THREE COYOTES EATING HIS NEIGHBOUR'S CAT. FISH AND WILDLIFE SAYS THERE ARE SEVERAL CAT'S MISSING...AND IN THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS ALONE, PREDATORY ATTACKS ON LIVESTOCK HAVE REACHED A FEVER PITCH...JUST BEFORE TWO O'CLOCK EMPLOYEES AT THIS DOWNTOWN QUIZNOS SAY THE COYOTE'S SIMPLY WALKED IN. AND WHY NOT, THE FRONT DOOR WAS OPEN...	2:28
David	So we ran into the front yard and the coyote caught up to me, started biting me. I fell down and then Marshall, I heard Marshall, he punched the coyote, then he ran inside.	2:46
Adrienne	That attack with a happy ending for 10-year-old Marshall Davis and his friend David Burnett here in Edmonton. The goal of this project is to prevent these kinds of attacks. The more we know about coyotes and their habits, the less likely we'll end up tangling with them and that's what Maureen Murray wants.	3:00
Maureen	What I can show you is how I also used Google earth quite a bit.	3:16
Adrienne	Back in the park the biology student flips open her laptop. She's tracking number 13.	3:52
Maureen	And you can see exactly which back yard she's selecting for, you can see here, not surprisingly, the absence of fences is huge. Almost all the time it's a yard that doesn't have a fence, has a big shrub in the back.	3:26
Adrienne	Maureen can even see which garbage cans she's been into and what else she's after.	3:40
Maureen	Well, they certainly love to eat fruit in the city. We notice a lot of crab apples and stuff like that and sunflower seeds from birdfeeders, we see that a lot in the scat. They do eat some cats. I know everyone always wonders about that but they also really like eating small rodents. So, while it seems like she's kind of a dangerous neighbour, she's also a neighbour that is uh, eating, problematic rodents.	3:45
Adrienne	Like rats and mice. Final results are still two years away, but already they know coyotes cover more ground more quickly than ever though before. Some days number 13 will travel up to 16 km, sometimes swimming across the river. A modern coyote commuter, using freeways, river valley trails, and bridges to make her rounds. Findings trapper Bill Abercrombie figures are invaluable. Especially as the reach of these creatures continues to grow.	4:07
Bill	They've expanded their range dramatically. They used to be primarily a creature of the Westerns plains and parkland and now coyotes can be found from South America to the high Arctic. They're that adaptable. Coyotes are the ultimate survivor.	4:39
Adrienne	In Edmonton, I'm Adrienne Lamb.	4:53