PREPARATION OF MATERIALS: Print the blank simple web. Provide each student with a graphic organizer. Follow the directions for modeling and student use.
A simple web lends itself to organizing expository text especially with a short reading.

The main idea is recorded in the center circle and details about that main idea are recorded in the adjoining clusters. Always introduce a graphic organizer using text familiar to students, so they can see the relationships between components of the organizer. The simple web illustrates how each detail is related to the main idea. The empty box is completed when the missing detail is located within the text. A process of elimination reveals which main idea details have not been listed.

Once students are able to complete this without scaffolded instruction they are ready to move to a more detailed content web.

Activity:
Writing a Summary Paragraph from a Simple Web