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If you ever wondered why apples have all those bits inside, then I can tell you that the bits are actually the seeds and I can also tell you that the core, which was part of the apple blossom, holds the seeds so that more apple trees can grow and so on.

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This activity gives practice in summarizing text and in sentence recognition. Your child should write well-formed sentences that provide all the basic information but that leave out unnecessary or repetitive words and phrases.