

Inside Reading Level 2
Unit 10 Skill Review: Outlining

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The Review Skill for Unit 10 asks you to complete the outline for Reading 1. Let's practice outlining with Reading 2 "You wouldn't know it if it bit you."

Below is an outline for the Reading. Read each excerpt and then record the number and heading from the outline that best fits.

- I. One woman's experience
- II. Most people have experienced bites from insects or arachnids
- III. It's difficult to determine what bit you from the mark
- IV. Identifying the biter is necessary to avoid serious risks

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