

## Making Connections to Text

Cross-Curricular Focus: Thinking Skills



Reading has **meaning**. When you read a story, you can make connections to it. When you **connect**, you give your brain a place to store the new information that you are reading so that you can think about it and use it later. The more connections you can make, the better and faster your brain can work. If you have lots of ways to think about something, it will be easier to find.

There are different kinds of connections that you can make as you read. A **self**-to-text connection is when you read something in a story and realize that something like that has happened to you in your own life. Usually, this kind of connection can make you feel the emotion (happiness, fear, sadness) that you felt when it happened to you. Another kind of connection is **text**-to-text. This is when reading one story reminds you about something you read before. The last kind of connection is text-to-**world**, when you read something that reminds you of something you have seen happen to someone you know, or have seen in the news.

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Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) Why is it important to connect to the text when you read? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) How do connections make it easier for your brain to find information? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3) What is a self-to-text connection?  
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4) What is a text-to-text connection?  
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5) What is a text-to-world connection?  
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