

Make Connections

Making connections while you read is a powerful way to make sense of new information. Making connections also helps you to respond to texts. There are three main ways to make connections.

Text-to-Self Connections

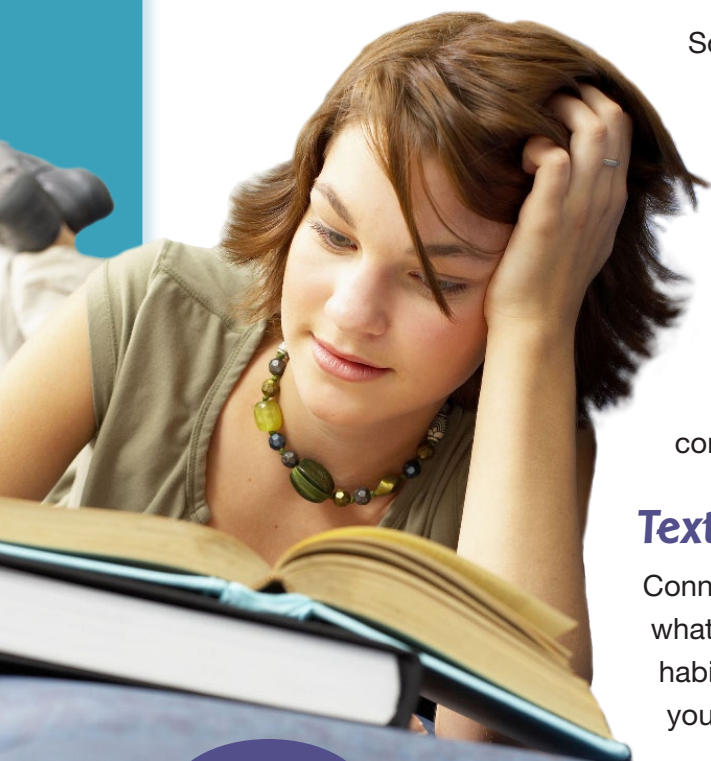
Something you're reading might remind you of an experience you've had. For example, a speech about equal rights for everyone will mean more to you if you think about a time you weren't treated fairly.

Text-to-Text Connections

One text can remind you of another text you have read or a show you have seen. For example, you read a story about a teen standing up for his beliefs and make connections to a song you've heard on the same theme.

Text-to-World Connections

Connecting to world events or issues can help you understand what you read. For example, an article about saving wildlife habitats will make more sense when you connect it to what you know about the rainforest being destroyed.



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Transfer Your Learning

Across the Strands

Oral Communication: When you're listening to others talk, you make connections. If someone is telling you about a charity he volunteers for, what connection can you make to volunteer work that you have done?

Across the Curriculum

Geography: If you're studying waste management, what text-to-text connections can you make to a TV program about new methods of recycling?