

CONNECTIONS

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Ryan couldn't concentrate on his math assignment. His head was throbbing and his tummy was starting to hurt too. Mrs. Jenkins noticed that something was not right. She knelt down beside him and put her hand on his forehead. "You're a little warm, Ryan. I think you might be coming down with something. I'm going to send you to the office to see the nurse."

What does this story remind you of from your own life?



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Sophie watched the other kids playing tag at the park. She wanted to join the game, but she didn't know any of the kids playing. She thought about asking one of them if she could play, but what if he said no? Sophie was about to give up and go see if there was an empty swing when one of the girls ran up to her and said, "Hey, you want to play?"

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It was a hot summer day and Abby had been waiting in line to get ice cream for a long time. Finally it was her turn. She ordered a scoop of chocolate on a sugar cone. Just as she was taking her first lick, the ice cream fell off the cone and plopped onto the sidewalk.

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Cassie and her baby brother Jake were waiting in line with Mom at the checkout. Cassie was looking at the candy bar display when she saw a Double Chocolate Crunch Bar. That was her favorite kind! Cassie asked her mom if she would buy one for her, but mom said no.

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Noah sat at the end of the table and ate his cake and ice cream. The other kids were all talking and laughing. Noah didn't know any of them. They all went to a different school. He hardly even knew the birthday boy. Their mother's were friends and so Noah had been invited to the party. Now he just wished it would end quickly so he could go home.

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"And first prize goes to... Risa Sommers!" Risa couldn't believe it, had she really won first prize? Everyone was patting her on the back and congratulating her as she made her way to the stage. "Your essay was amazing, Risa," said Mr. Cole. "Carson Elementary will be honored to have you represent us at the regional essay competition."

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Kayla was playing a card game with her little sister, Alana. Alana had already lost two games and was becoming frustrated. Kayla realized that she had the winning card in her hand. On her next turn, Kayla played a different card instead. A few turns later, Alana won the game.

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Nathan wanted to put some ketchup on his hamburger. He held the bottle upside down over his burger, but nothing came out. He shook the bottle gently, but still no ketchup. Then he shook the bottle hard! Way more ketchup than Nathan needed plopped onto his burger. "Rats!", Nathan exclaimed, as he reached for a napkin.

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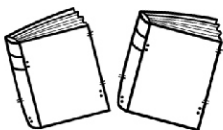


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Jake got Rascal when he was just a puppy. He trained Rascal to sit, and to stay, and to fetch. Every day Jake took Rascal on a long walk in the park near his house. Every night, Rascal slept curled up on the end of Jake's bed. Rascal was Jake's best friend.

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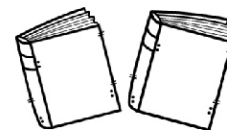


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Sarah got a diary for her tenth birthday. It was purple and had a page for each day of the year. Sarah wrote in her diary every day. She kept it hidden in the back of her sock drawer, which she thought was a pretty good hiding place until the day her little sister, Erica found it.

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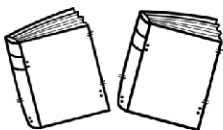


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Princess Penelope was not a happy princess. She was not allowed to walk through the forest by herself. No one would teach her to use a sword. And dragon hunting was, of course, completely forbidden. Worst of all, in just one month her father, the King, was going to choose a man for her to marry!

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Luke looked at the trees all around him. He was almost sure he had passed that big one next to the stump an hour ago. Maybe he should have taken the other path when the trail had split into a V. Luke had no idea where the campground was, and it was starting to get dark. Then Luke heard something. He stopped to listen. It was his dad calling his name!

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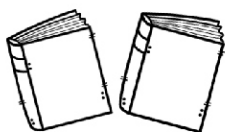


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Amber and Britney had been best friends since they were five years old, when they were in the same kindergarten class. But last month, a new girl named Heather joined their class. At first, Amber, Britney, and Heather had all hung out together. But lately, Amber and Heather haven't been including Britney. Britney is worried that she may have lost her best friend.

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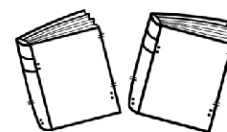


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Elizabeth knew she had to hurry. She still hadn't finished her chores and she had to get going to school. She finished gathering the eggs and then got a pail of water from the well out back. Ma was just putting her breakfast on the table when she finished. Elizabeth ate as fast as she could, grabbed her books and her slate and started the long walk to school.

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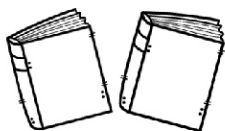


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Sally Squirrel hid another acorn in her nest. Winter was coming, but she would be ready. Chad Chipmunk bounded up to her. "Come play with me," he said. "Sorry, Chad, but I need to collect more acorns. Don't you need to get ready for winter too?" But Chad only laughed. "I'll do it tomorrow," he said.

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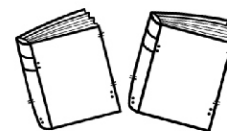


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Moria waved her wand again and spoke the magic words. The book on the table did not move. She tried again. Still nothing. Shayla walked by and smirked at Moria. She gave her wand a little flick and the book popped open. Moria groaned as Shayla walked away. At this rate, she would never become a witch.

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Today was the big day! After two weeks of campaigning, today was the day when the students would elect the next sixth grade president. Arnie had given a good speech, but so had his opponent, Cara. As his classmates started to vote, Arnie thought about how much he wanted to win.

What does this story remind you of from the real world?



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Ally and her family stared up at the moon. Slowly they watched as the shadow of the Earth moved across the giant, white circle. Soon the moon was completely covered and the sky was dark. "That's a lunar eclipse," said her father. "Awesome!" Ally replied.

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Elle worked in the garden all morning. She planted beans, carrots, and zucchinis. A week later, she noticed tiny spouts. All summer long she watered and weeded her garden. Her plants grew bigger and bigger! Finally, the vegetables were ready to pick. "What wonderful looking vegetables!", said her mom. "I can't wait to taste them!"

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Ian's school was having a food drive. Every class got a big box to fill with food. Kids were bringing canned goods and other foods that would not spoil to donate to the food bank. Ian's mom had given him food to donate and so had some of the neighbors. The box in Ian's class was almost full!

What does this story remind you of from the real world?



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Madison's scout group spent last Saturday working to help the stream that runs behind the library. They picked up litter and filled three whole garbage bags. They planted trees along the bank of the stream. As the trees grow, their roots will help to hold the soil in place so it does not slide into the stream. The trees will also provide food and shelter for animals.

What does this story remind you of from the real world?



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Cody's class went on a fieldtrip to the zoo to see an unusual exhibit. Giant pandas from China were there for a special visit. Cody watched as one of the pandas nibbled on a long piece of bamboo. He wondered if the pandas would be happier in the forest in China rather than in a cage at the zoo.

What does this story remind you of from the real world?



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"Time to go," said Andy's father. "Don't worry, we will probably be back in a couple of days and everything will be fine." Andy looked at the mass of smoke in the distance. All of the families in his neighborhood were being evacuated in case the fire fighters could not contain the wildfire that was heading their way. Andy hoped his father was right.

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Hannah threw another handful of candy into the crowd. This was so much fun! She had never been in a parade before. Some of the other kids on her dance team were doing a routine on the dance school parade float. Soon it would be her turn to dance! Hannah spotted her grandparents in the crowd and waved to them.

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Task Cards



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Challenge Card

We can also make connections to media. Can you connect this passage to something you saw on TV or on the internet? How about a song or something you heard on the radio? You can also make connections to movies and video games.



Name: _____

CONNECTIONS TASK CARDS

Recording Sheet

Use this chart to keep track of the Connections Task Cards that you have completed. Remember to have your teacher initial or stamp the ✓ column.

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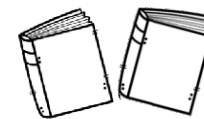
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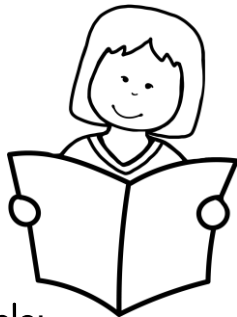
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CONNECTING

*Connect what you read to
what you know.*

Text to Self

Is there a setting, a character, or an event from the story that reminds you of something from your life?

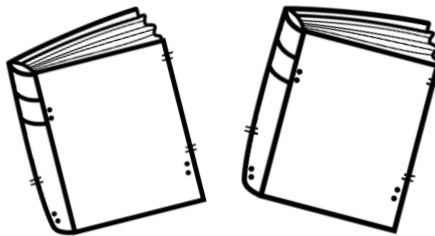


Example:

When Fern adopted Wilbur, it reminded me of when we adopted our kitten, Ginger. Ginger was so cute and tiny! She was the runt of the litter, just like Wilbur.

Text to Text

Is there a setting, a character, or an event from the story that reminds you of something from another story?



Example:

Charlotte reminds me of the mouse in the Aesop's fable, the *Lion and the Mouse*, because even though both Charlotte and the mouse were small, they were still able to help animals much bigger than themselves.

Text to World

Is there a setting, a character, or an event from the story that reminds you of something you heard about in the world?



Example:

When I read about Charlotte's babies, it reminded me of a nature show I saw on TV about how baby spiders hatch. There were lots of tiny baby spiders, just like in the book.