

Make the Connection

Purpose: Teams work together to make the connection between two seemingly unrelated items.

Example: Make a connection between grass and a book.

- You can use a blade of grass as a bookmark.
- You can lay in the grass to read a book.
- You need a light to read a book and grass needs light to grow.
- Books have a unique smell and so do books.

Preparation:

Cut pieces of paper and put string out at each table or distribute chart paper in spaces around the room.

Write/print out pairs of items on cards to place out on the floor or a table.

Process:

1. Divide the class into groups of 5-6 students.
2. Groups are given a piece of chart paper or string and a stack of papers.
3. 1 person from the group comes to the assortment of pairs and chooses one for the group.
4. 3 minutes: Groups brainstorm and write down as many connections between the two items as possible.
5. Groups are directed to swap places and observe/record:
 - a. What is the pair?
 - b. What are 2 connections the other group made that stand out to you and why?
 - c. What is a connection you can make that the first group did not make?
6. All groups come together to share their observations.
7. If time/appropriate:
 - a. All can move about the room to observe other groups' work before moving on to the next activity.
 - b. Students select a new pair and (independently or with partners) make/record their own connections in their journals.

Possible Item Pairs:

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| • A grandpa and a rock | • A park and a camera |
| • A head and a light bulb | • A light and an apple |
| • A waterfall and a door | • A beach and a car |
| • A phone and a cake | • A pig and a fish |
| • A book and a lake | • Coffee and chocolate |
| • A guitar and a blanket | • A potato and a shoe |
| • A paddle and a cactus | • A wish and a chicken |
| • A ring and a key | • A basket and an egg |
| | • Dirt and clouds |

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