

## 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:

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

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