



Essential Focus Lessons for Making Connections

The following are essential focus lessons for making connections. Select those lessons that are most appropriate for your grade level.

- Good readers know about schema, or background knowledge, which is everything you know about the world.
- Good readers recognize that all readers have a different schema.
- Good readers activate their schema before they read.
- Good readers activate their schema while reading.
- Good readers activate their schema after reading.
- Good readers think about their schema to help them understand the text by thinking to themselves “This reminds me of...” or “I know about this.”
- Good readers use their schema to make connections between the text and their lives.
- Good readers use their schema to make connections from one text to another.
- Good readers use their schema to make connections between a text and the world.
- Good readers can tell the difference between connections that help them understand a text and connections that are not important to understanding.
- Good readers understand how schema changes their understanding of a text as they read.
- Good readers think differently about their schema as they read.
- Good readers know that making connections based on our schema is a part of all of our other reading strategies.