

Making Connections: *Mountain of Understanding*

Texts for the Online Activity

Level 1

Connections in your bag

- Scientists have invented a robot that can sing and dance.
- The caterpillar builds a cocoon, which opens to a butterfly.
- The big bad wolf huffed and he puffed but he couldn't blow down the little pig's house of brick.
- As the words in a spelling bee get harder, most kids will spell them more slowly.
- The wolf pack works together to hunt.
- "I think I can, I think I can," said the Little Engine that Could.

Guardian Sentences

- Guardian 1: Sentence from a fairy tale:
Cinderella always wore rags, but one night she got to wear a ball gown.
- Guardian 2: Line from a letter:
Alexa worked with some friends on a mouse maze for this year's science fair—and they won a blue ribbon!
- Guardian 3: Sentence from a magazine
Even though people told her it was impossible, Jasmine never gave up her dream to be a pop star.
- Guardian 4: Sentence from a comic book
Cobalto's death ray burned bright and strong, but it just bounced off Robonaut's steel arms.

Level 2

Connections in your bag

- My brother grabbed the book I was reading, but I tried not to get mad.
- As the words in a spelling bee get harder, most kids will spell them more slowly.
- Beauty was afraid of the ugly Beast, until she learned how kind he was.
- Once I melted a whole pot of snow, and all I got was a tiny cup of water.
- Spaceman Sam grabbed the comet's tail and hung on for a wild ride through the universe.
- Scientists have invented a robot that can sing and dance.

Guardian Sentences

- Guardian 1: Sentence from a textbook
A comet's tail can be millions of kilometers in length, but the amount of matter it contains can be held in a large bookbag. (text-to-self connection)
 - Guardian 2: Traffic sign
Reduce speed; snow and ice on road. (text-to-world)
 - Guardian 3: Sentence from a magazine
Moriah and Maggie were best friends forever. Then one day, an argument over drums tested their friendship.
 - Guardian 4: Line from a song on a CD case
You can't judge a book by its cover. (text-to-text connection)
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Level 3

Write your own connections for the following poem:

"Girls and boys, come out to play..."
by Mother Goose

Girls and boys, come out to play,
The moon is shining as bright as day.
Leave your supper, and leave your sleep,
And come with your playfellows into the street.
Come with a whoop, come with a call,
Come with a good will or not at all.
Up the ladder and down the wall,
A halfpenny roll will serve us all.
You find milk, and I'll find flour,
And we'll have pudding in half an hour.