

# Making Connections

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**After reading a book, talk about the connections you and your child can make to what you read. For example,**

- “This book reminded me of the time we saw fireflies in the summer because they are insects just like the grasshoppers in this book. In the book, grasshoppers fly like the fireflies outside at night.”
- “My favorite part of the story was when Harry (the dog) went in the house that Momma and the little girl built for him because we made a crate with a blanket for our dog. In the book, I could tell Harry had enough room to spread out in it.”

**Answer questions like these about a book or story after reading:**

- What is the most important part of the book/story? Why is that the most important part?
- What is the author trying to tell you? How do you know?

**Talk about ideas like these after reading a book or story:**

My favorite part of the book/story was . . . because . . .

I was surprised that . . .

I was surprised when . . .

My favorite character was . . . because . . .

The most important part of the book/story was . . . because . . . .

This book/story made me care about . . .

This book/story made me think of . . .

This book/story reminded me of . . .

Something I learned from this book/story was . . .

I didn't know that . . .