



Part 1 : Making Connections with Texts

Directions: Read the story below and think about connections you could make to the text. Choose two of the sentence frames from two different categories of connections and write your connections as complete sentences below.

SAMPLE ANSWER SHEET

Liam's Test

Liam's math teacher announced that their test would be given on Thursday. As she walked around the class, she handed out a study guide. "You will complete this study guide at home tonight. It is due tomorrow. I want to go over it together as a class so you have enough time to study through the week," Mrs. Beckett explained. "Do your best. This study guide looks a lot like the test."

Math was difficult for Liam, so he was nervous about the test on Thursday. With the right answers on his study guide, Liam went to his room every night that week and studied. He looked at the problems over and over. It didn't seem to be helping, though. Liam was still very nervous and he felt unprepared. What would the problems look like on the real test? How would they be different than the study guide?

On Thursday, Liam took his seat in class. He sat next to the smartest girl in the grade. He glanced over at her paper at the very beginning. Then, it became a habit. After each question he finished, he looked at the girl's paper. He wanted to make sure he got them right. When his answer did not match the girl's, he changed his answer. He decided that she probably had the correct answer since she was so smart. The paper came back with a 100. However, Liam's guilt felt heavy in his chest. He didn't earn that grade, so he couldn't be proud of himself for that.

Text-to-Self Connections	Text-to-Text Connections	Text-to-World Connections
<input type="checkbox"/> I can connect to the story because _____. <input type="checkbox"/> This story reminds me of the time I _____. <input type="checkbox"/> When the character _____, I thought of _____.	<input type="checkbox"/> The characters in _____ remind me of those in the story _____. <input type="checkbox"/> This story has the theme of _____ which is similar to the story _____. <input type="checkbox"/> The problem of this story, which was _____, reminded me of the problem in the story _____.	<input type="checkbox"/> This story reminds me of when I heard _____ on the news. <input type="checkbox"/> The issue the character faced is similar to the real world issue of _____. <input type="checkbox"/> When _____ happened in the story, I thought of _____ (a current event in your community or in the world). <input type="checkbox"/> This part makes me remember _____.

1. **This story reminds me of the time I caught a friend cheating on a test and I told my**

parents about it.

2. **This story has the theme of the importance of being true to yourself and being honest**

which is similar to a story I read about someone who lied to get a job.