

# Summer School Pacing Guide



## Making Connections™

Reading Comprehension Skills and Strategies

Grades 1-6

### Skills

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Identifying Detail  
Sequencing  
Main Idea  
Compare and Contrast  
Drawing Conclusions /  
Predicting Outcomes  
Fact and Opinion  
Cause and Effect  
Figurative Language  
Bias and Prejudice

### Strategies

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Monitoring Comprehension  
Cooperative Learning  
Generating and  
Answering Questions  
Text / Story Structure  
Graphic Organizers  
Summarizing  
Applying Multiple  
Strategies  
Understanding Vocabulary

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*Making Connections*™ provides the perfect instructional model for your summer school program. The exciting new approach to comprehension helps students develop key skills and the strategies identified by the National Reading Panel for reading success. The flexible pacing structure allows teachers to meet most any summer school program objective.

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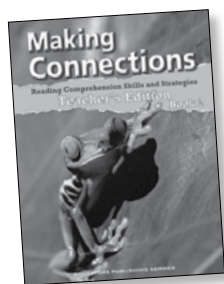
## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

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### Student Books

High-interest informational and narrative texts are organized in units, each dedicated to one specific comprehension skill. This unit structure is ideal for summer school because it provides multiple opportunities to develop each skill through content that is tied to key curriculum objectives.



### Teacher's Editions

Detailed lesson plans help teachers provide direct, scaffolded instruction in skills and strategies. Text Connections activities challenge students to synthesize information across texts and extend knowledge of unit themes and topics. Reproducible assessments and teaching notes for Comprehension Library titles are also included in this resource.



### Comprehension Library



One Comprehension Library book culminates each unit, allowing students to apply newly developed skills and strategies to longer texts. The library includes a balance of informational and narrative titles.

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During summer school teachers need results in a shortened time span – and that time span may vary from district-to-district and even school-to-school. With *Making Connections*, you can easily tailor instruction to fit your summer school schedule and meet your students’ needs.

## 4-Week Summer School Program

For districts implementing a 4-week summer school program, select the four skill units that best meet your curriculum objectives and student need.

## Extending the Lesson

As you follow the structured lesson plan in the *Making Connections* Teacher’s Edition, you may choose one or more of the following options to extend instruction.

### Before Reading

**Background Knowledge** Have cooperative groups develop a KWL chart. Have one group of students brainstorm what is known (K), and have another brainstorm what it wants to know (W). Then have both groups come together to create one chart. The class can record what they have learned (L) after they read the text.

### During Reading

#### Vocabulary

- Create definition maps by answering these questions: What is it? What is it like? What are some examples?
- Create quadrant charts: provide a definition, meaning, personal associations, and antonyms for each word.
- Have pairs of students model correct word usage as they act out conversations.

### After Reading

**Summarize** Assign groups to work together to create written summaries of the texts. Then have each group share its summary with the class.

**Writing** Apply all steps of the writing process (Plan, Draft, Revise, Edit, Publish) to selected writing activities from the *Practice the Skill* pages.

## Comprehension Library

A Comprehension Library book culminates each unit, allowing students to apply newly developed skills and strategies to longer texts. The library includes a balance of informational and narrative titles that are supported by lesson plans in the Teacher’s Edition. In a summer school program, these books can be used in a variety of ways, including the following:

- **Option 1** Extend *Day 5* instruction to 90 minutes, incorporating the library book after administration of the assessment.
- **Option 2** Complete the Comprehension Library Before Reading activity on *Day 1* and assign the book as homework during the week. Complete the After Reading activity on *Day 5*.

# Making Connections™ Book 1

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
	Identifying Detail	Sequencing	Main Idea	Compare and Contrast
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<b>Day</b> (Minutes)				
<b>1</b> (60-70)	<i>My Pet Elephant</i>	<i>My Soccer Team</i>	<i>The Sandcastle Contest</i>	<i>Two Trucks</i>
<b>2</b> (60-70)	<i>Giraffes</i>	<i>Our Dog Taffy</i>	<i>Kinds of Art</i>	<i>Outside My Window</i>
<b>3</b> (60-70)	<i>Meerkats</i>	<i>A Beautiful Sunflower</i>	<i>Our Class Mural</i>	<i>My Best Friend</i>
<b>4</b> (60-70)	<i>The Animal Show</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Happy Birthday Mom!</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>A Famous Painting</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>We Love Ice Cream</i> & Select a Text Connections activity
<b>5</b> (60-90)	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Desert Tortoise</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Goodnight, Nisha</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Seasons</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>The Feast</i>

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# Making Connections™ Book 2

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
	Identifying Detail	Sequencing	Main Idea	Compare and Contrast	Drawing Conclusions Predicting Outcomes	Fact and Opinion
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
<b>Day</b> (Minutes)						
<b>1</b> (60-70)	<i>Popping Beans</i>	<i>A Frog's Life</i>	<i>That's Cold!</i>	<i>At the Fair</i>	<i>Riddles</i>	<i>Ask the Pet Vet</i>
<b>2</b> (60-70)	<i>Titan Arum Trip</i>	<i>Look at Me Now!</i>	<i>Wet Mount Waialeale</i>	<i>The Weirdest Bike Ever!</i>	<i>Don't Let the Bedbugs Bite</i>	<i>Best Pet</i>
<b>3</b> (60-70)	<i>Venus Flytrap</i>	<i>As Busy as Beavers</i>	<i>Rocky the Mountain Goat</i>	<i>Two Boys</i>	<i>Clocks</i>	<i>An Owner for Percy</i>
<b>4</b> (60-70)	<i>Cacti</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Fly with Me!</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>The Ocean Depths</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Two Bedrooms</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>The Musicians</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>My Mouse</i> & Select a Text Connections activity
<b>5</b> (60-90)	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Where Is Miss Pickles?</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Our Adventure Vacation</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Hail</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Carlsbad Cavern</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Harold the Super Pet</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Who Invented Ice Cream?</i>

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# Making Connections™ Book 3

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
	Sequencing	Main Idea	Compare and Contrast	Drawing Conclusions Predicting Outcomes	Fact and Opinion	Cause and Effect
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
<b>Day</b> (Minutes)						
<b>1</b> (60-70)	<i>Changing San Francisco</i>	<i>Jack's Report</i>	<i>Pen Pals</i>	<i>Who Was Aesop?</i>	<i>Sunny Waters</i>	<i>How to Celebrate the Fourth of July</i>
<b>2</b> (60-70)	<i>Golden Gate Bridge</i>	<i>Jesse Owens</i>	<i>Holiday or Vacation?</i>	<i>The Lion and the Mouse</i>	<i>Glass: Let's Save It!</i>	<i>A Terrible Mess</i>
<b>3</b> (60-70)	<i>San Francisco Earthquake</i>	<i>Florence Nightingale</i>	<i>Above and Below</i>	<i>The Tortoise and the Hare</i>	<i>The Daily Spin</i>	<i>Forgetful Sam</i>
<b>4</b> (60-70)	<i>Transportation in San Francisco</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Sally Ride: American Hero</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Sports Talk</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>The Ant and the Grasshopper</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>That's Rubbish</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Splat!</i> & Select a Text Connections activity
<b>5</b> (60-90)	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>The Wallet in the Woods</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Roberto Clemente</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Animals in Disguise</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Ready, Set, Puppy!</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>In Search of the Yeti</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Tom, Maker of Chairs</i>

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# Making Connections™ Book 4

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
	Sequencing	Main Idea	Compare and Contrast	Drawing Conclusions Predicting Outcomes	Fact and Opinion	Cause and Effect
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
<b>Day</b> (Minutes)						
<b>1</b> (60-70)	<i>Make Your Own Paper</i>	<i>An Accidental Invention</i>	<i>Sophie and Stella</i>	<i>A Home for Everything</i>	<i>Sharks Suffer, Too!</i>	<i>Annie's Journal</i>
<b>2</b> (60-70)	<i>How Polar Fleece is Made</i>	<i>The Ferris Wheel</i>	<i>Delivering the Mail</i>	<i>Treasure!</i>	<i>Save the Whales</i>	<i>The Great Railroad Race</i>
<b>3</b> (60-70)	<i>The Big Project</i>	<i>Granville T. Woods</i>	<i>Mom and Amelia</i>	<i>Zach Moves to Town</i>	<i>The Kraken Rises!</i>	<i>Living in Alaska</i>
<b>4</b> (60-70)	<i>A Family Home &amp; Select a Text Connections activity</i>	<i>Dr. Grace Murray Hoppe &amp; Select a Text Connections activity</i>	<i>Old and New &amp; Select a Text Connections activity</i>	<i>In My State &amp; Select a Text Connections activity</i>	<i>Crescent the Crab &amp; Select a Text Connections activity</i>	<i>A Taste of New York City &amp; Select a Text Connections activity</i>
<b>5</b> (60-90)	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Gulmamadak the Great</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Mountain Biking Adventure</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>The Big Move</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Caleb Piper, Private Eye</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>The Loch Ness Monster: Fact or Fiction?</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Glow Worms</i>

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# Making Connections™ Book 5

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
	Main Idea	Compare and Contrast	Drawing Conclusions Predicting Outcomes	Fact and Opinion	Cause and Effect	Figurative Language
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
<b>Day</b> (Minutes)						
<b>1</b> (60-70)	<i>Maya's Big Break</i>	<i>My Ancestor Hannah</i>	<i>The Steamboat Sultana</i>	<i>Drip-Free</i>	<i>Quan's African Journal</i>	<i>The Loveliest Lakes!</i>
<b>2</b> (60-70)	<i>Special Effects</i>	<i>New London: Then and Now</i>	<i>The Floating Palace</i>	<i>Winning Diamonds</i>	<i>The Return of the Bald Eagle</i>	<i>The Sands of Mojave</i>
<b>3</b> (60-70)	<i>Director's Diary</i>	<i>Dear Diary</i>	<i>Grace Darling</i>	<i>Trash Has Many Uses!</i>	<i>Marvelous Mangroves</i>	<i>The Rumble</i>
<b>4</b> (60-70)	<i>Creepy Lizards from Planet Nine</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>How Would You Get There?</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Lost Dog!</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>And... They're Off!</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Takahe TV</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Wish You Were Here</i> & Select a Text Connections activity
<b>5</b> (60-90)	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Rock Climbing</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>A Virtual Visit: Mexico City and Boston</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Tarella</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Rainbows</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>The Astonishing Book</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>A Way with Words</i>

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# Making Connections™ Book 6

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
	Main Idea	Compare and Contrast	Drawing Conclusions Predicting Outcomes	Cause and Effect	Figurative Language	Bias and Prejudice
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
<b>Day</b> (Minutes)						
<b>1</b> (60-70)	<i>Our Solar System</i>	<i>Meet the Instructors</i>	<i>Hieroglyphs</i>	<i>Our Need for Water</i>	<i>Power Off!</i>	<i>Breaking News</i>
<b>2</b> (60-70)	<i>Space Firsts</i>	<i>Traveling Musicians</i>	<i>Clever Inventions</i>	<i>Extreme Conditions</i>	<i>A Special Visitor</i>	<i>Have You Heard the News?</i>
<b>3</b> (60-70)	<i>Invasion of the Strange Creature</i>	<i>Animation</i>	<i>Tombs of Ancient Egypt</i>	<i>A Sporty Summer</i>	<i>The Kettle Street Car Wash</i>	<i>At the Public Meeting</i>
<b>4</b> (60-70)	<i>Astronaut Training</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Paleontology: Then and Now</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Greetings from Khu</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Mind and Body</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>The Morning After the Night Before</i> & Select a Text Connections activity	<i>Let Your Voice Be Heard</i> & Select a Text Connections activity
<b>5</b> (60-90)	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>The Outer Banks of North Carolina</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>The Rio Grande</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>The Mysterious Disappearance of Amelia Earhart</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Whale Rescue</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>Voices of Clay</i>	Assessment & Select a Text Connections activity OR Comp. Library Book <i>A Trip to Puerto Rico</i>

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