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Connecting	Stretching	Transferring
Topic: 3c Making Links	Activity: Bag Links	

What you are trying to achieve ...

Students recognise

- The different ways we connect ideas —logical, diverse, lateral, etc.
- Why making connections is important in learning.

Set up the Activity

Divide the class into groups of four.
Give each group a bag of items.
Explain that the items in the bag are connected or linked in some sort of way.
“Look at the items and try to work out how they are linked.”
“When you have made one link between the items look at them again and make another link.”

Observe Groups Working

Help only if needed.
“What’s happening here and what makes you say that?”

Debrief Through Discussion

“What is happening in our minds when we make connections between things?”
“Sometimes it is important to think logically and systematically, and sometimes we need to allow ourselves to imagine possibilities.”
“Why is it important to make connections?”
“What does making connections help us to do?”

Extend into Linking Ideas

Print or display on whiteboard.
Run through the making links muscle.
Move on to the related activities.

Hints and tips	Things to Try ...
Avoid giving hints about links and connections.	1. Running activity with all groups having the same articles. 2. Running activity with all groups having different articles. 3. Having bags of items with no obvious links. Students make up their own.

Coaching Notes

DIY Resource

Linking Ideas


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