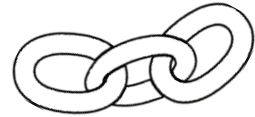


# Making Connections



Read the passage of text. Think about any connections you can make to yourself, to other books you've read, or things that have happened in the world.

## A Full Diary

Tegan scribbled down the homework in her diary as a stream of kids packed up their bags and left the classroom.

“Are you looking forward to the holidays?” her teacher asked, standing from her chair.

“Ah, yeah. They’ll be great,” Tegan said, managing half a smile.

The school holidays hadn’t even been on Tegan’s radar. In truth, Tegan had been feeling overwhelmed of late. Her diary was full of tasks she had to do, assignments she had to complete and exams she had to study for. There was also a lot going on at home. Her mum had started a new job. She was working night shift, which meant Tegan often didn’t see her mum in the afternoons.

As the eldest child, Tegan was responsible for dinner. Her mum tried to leave things ready, but she didn’t always have time, so often there was a note scrawled on a piece of paper telling Tegan what to make. Then it was time to study. It was getting towards the end of the semester, and that meant exams.



Her mum had promised things would settle down before long. Although Tegan was doubtful, she would nod and tell her mum not to worry. After all, she knew she wasn’t the only one stressed. Besides, what good would come of complaining?

What connections were you able to make with this text?

Think about the characters, the events, and the setting.

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Explain how making connections might support a reader’s understanding of this text.

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