

# Link Up

## General Description:

Link Up is a quick, engaging way to make relevant connections between concepts. In the process of connecting ideas, students generate a summary of the important information.

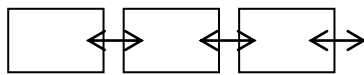
## Directions:

NOTE: Students can generate their own words or the teacher can provide specific words related to a topic. They can work independently or in small groups to complete Link Up.

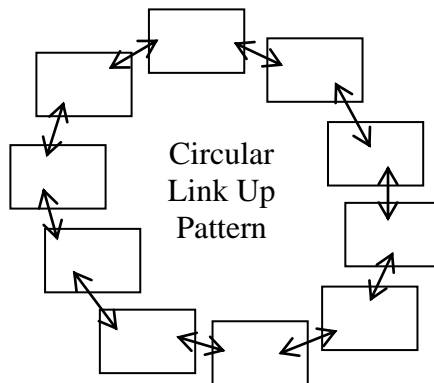
1. Students identify important words from a reading selection or the teacher gives them the words. The number of words may vary depending on the content and the age/ability of the students.
2. Students start with a word identified by the teacher or self-selected by the group.
3. Students Link Up each of the remaining words. As they add each word, they must explain how it connects to the previous word.
4. Continue until all of the words have been linked up and the connections explained.

## Extensions:

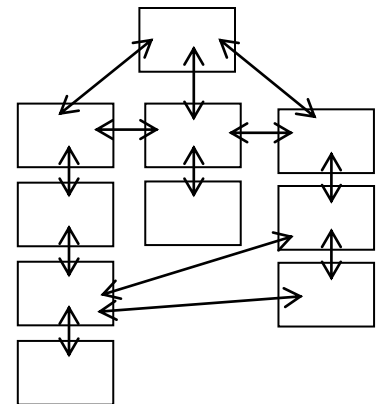
- Allow students to decide how to Link Up the words. They may choose a linear Link Up, a circular Link Up, or a random Link Up with multiple connections to some words. Students are only limited by their own understanding and imagination.



Linear Link Up Pattern



Circular Link Up Pattern



Random Link Up Pattern

- Have groups share the different ways they linked the words.
- Make Link Up even more concrete by putting the words on cards, punching holes in the sides, and using string or pipe cleaners to physically Link Up the cards. This also invites flexibility and allows students to revisit their thinking and make different connections with the vocabulary at a later date.
- Have the class discuss which words are most important. Include these words on the class word bank or record them in their Interactive Student Notebooks.
- After using Link Up as a small group activity, ask students to independently write a summary.