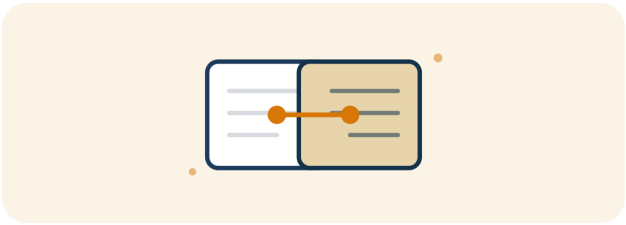
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The Module A Connection Pack

What "textual conversation" means, and the sentence that links two texts properly



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A textual conversation means a later composer took an older text and answered it, using their own context. The two texts are talking across time. Your job is to track what stays the same and what changes, then explain why it changed. The why is always context. The trap is linking the texts with the word "similarly" and listing shared features.

01 The connection sentence

Link on the idea

- **Shared concern.** Both texts care about the same idea.
- **Two answers.** Each text answers it differently.
- **Context explains the difference.** The world that produced each text is why the answers differ.

02 Worked example

Band 6. Both texts wrestle with ambition, but the earlier work condemns it as transgression against a divinely ordered world, while the later text rationalises it as understandable drive in a competitive, individualist age, so the same concern is answered through a completely different moral frame.

The link is the idea. Context does the analysis. That is the whole module.

Template you can fill: *Both texts explore [concern], but [text 1] treats it as [answer 1], shaped by [context 1], while [text 2] reframes it as [answer 2], shaped by [context 2].*

03 Checklist

- I linked the texts on a shared idea, not a shared technique.
- I gave each text its own answer to that idea.
- I used context to explain the difference between the answers.
- The word "similarly" appears nowhere as a linking device.

Watch out. Feature-matching: "both texts use symbolism, both use a first-person narrator." That is a checklist, not a conversation. Link on the idea and let context explain the change.

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