Facilitators can help youth make connections between previous experiences and current ones by asking purposeful questions that can prompt a child to recall an activity or demonstrate understanding. The sample questions below are examples of phrases that facilitators may use. These questions urge children to tap into previous knowledge and experiences in order to respond, thus guiding the children to make connections and strengthen learning.

- Do you remember when…..?
- When or where have you seen/heard this before? Have any of you seen/heard this before? How many of you have__________ before?
- What else do you know about….?
- Based on your experience, what do you think is going to happen?
- Why do you predict that that will be the outcome? What are you thinking?
- Why did you make that decision?
- How is this similar to ____________? What do these remind you of? How do they seem different from__________?
- What does that word sound like? Have you ever heard it before? Where?
- Have you ever had something like this happen before? Where?
- Yesterday you used a wide paint brush. Would that work for you today?
- Xavier, you were working on an assignment about planets last week. Can you explain the difference between rotating and revolving to the rest of the group?
- You usually run for the arbor when we go outdoors. I wonder what colors of flowers are blooming there today?