



Word map

Word maps are a great way for helping children and adolescents learn new vocabulary. To learn a new word and store words in an organised way, young people need to develop their understanding of the meaning of the word and how one word relates to others (category knowledge).

Draw a picture of the word in the centre of the page.

Then ask the following questions and either draw or write the key words i.e. the answers to the questions. The branches from the centre of the word map could be colour coded to facilitate visual memory, for example blue branches could be associated with the meaning of the word and green branches could be associated with the sound of the word.

- What does it do? (What is the function of the item?)
- Can you describe it?
- Where might you find it?
- What group does it belong to?
- What else is like this?
- Is it a short or long word?
- What sound does it start with?



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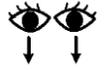
Where do we find it?



What do we do with it?
What does it do?



What does it look like?



What group is it in?



WORD:

What is it like?



(Smell, taste, touch)

What sound does it begin with?



How many syllables?



When do we use it?
When did it happen?

