



Handout: What is Mind Mapping?

A Mind Map is:

- A diagram used to visually organize information.
- A map of ideas that are connected directly to the central concept, while other ideas branch out from that central idea (i.e.) key words, images, themes, people etc.
- A great tool for students, the workplace, and personal projects.
- A way to display relationships between individual ideas and chunks of information
- There is no wrong way to do a mind map, yet it is suggested to start in the middle of a horizontal page and place the main idea in the centre and then develop outwards.
- Often created around a single concept drawn as an image in the centre of a blank landscape page

Mind maps are used to:

- Generate ideas
- Visualize ideas
- Structure ideas
- Classify ideas

Other things to consider when creating your mind map:

- Mind maps can be done by hand or you can use software to do so digitally.
- Use a different colour for each branch and its key words.
- Use arrows to connect ideas
- Get creative – draw pictures or symbols

