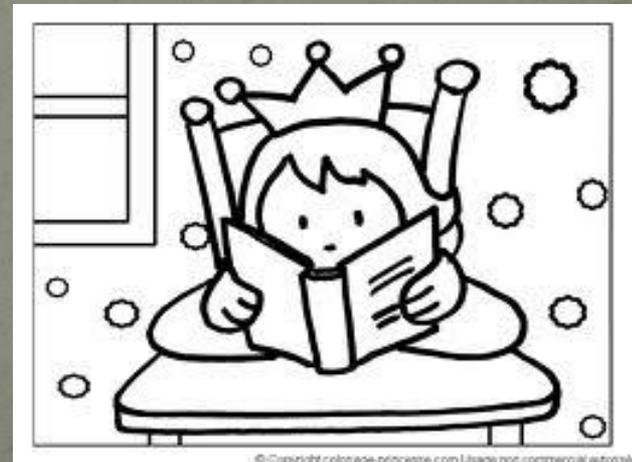


Study methods - ways to study, learn and remember



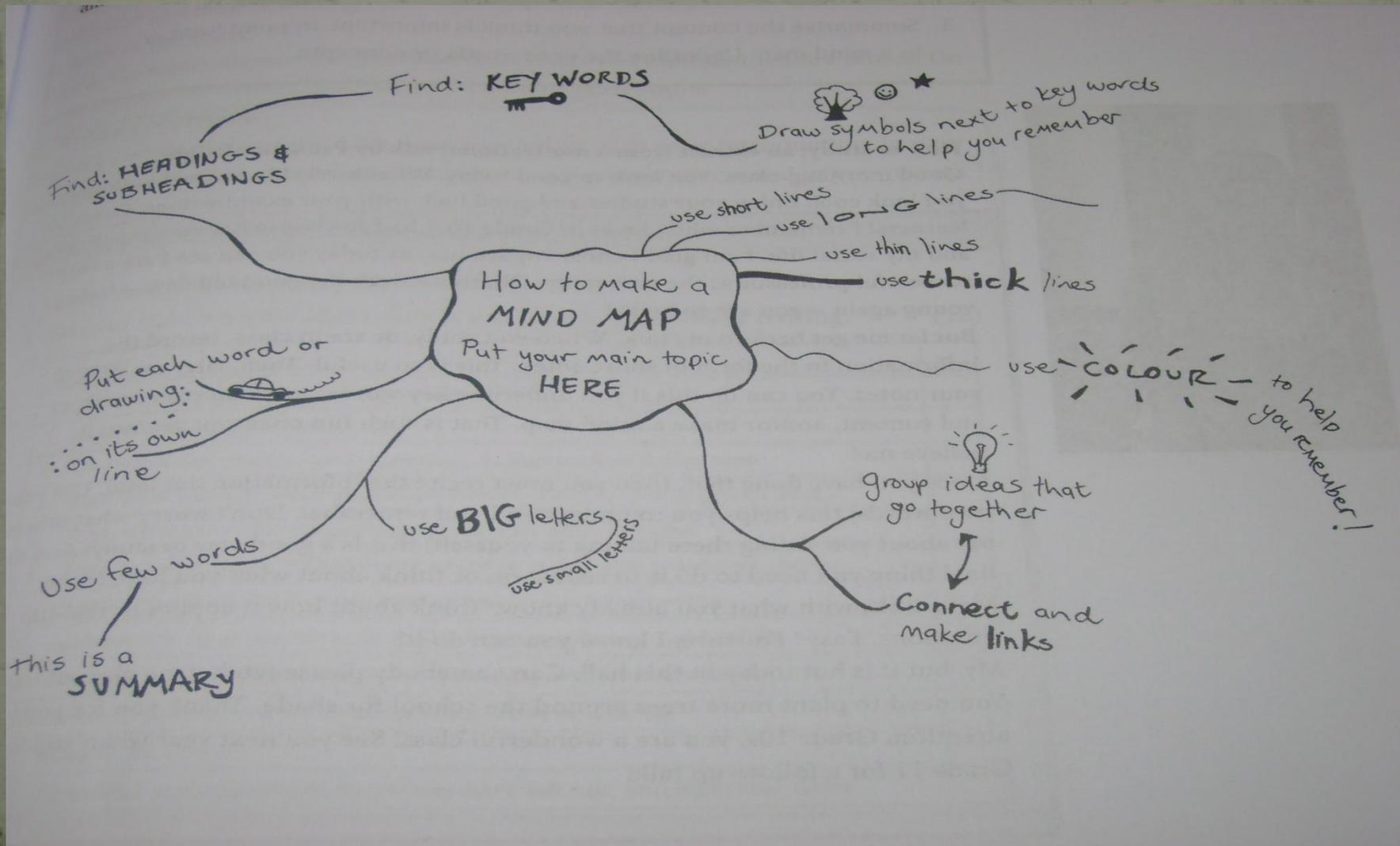
Note-taking

- It is extremely important to make notes, it helps you remember and makes things easier when studying for exams.
- Listen carefully to the speaker or teacher
- Use abbreviations and symbols, such as & instead of and; a 😊 instead of 'this is a positive effect'
- Write down only key points
- Group ideas together
- Use own words as far as possible
- Underline or highlight important facts
- File notes, always have the date and subject right on top of the page

Mind mapping

- A mind map is a diagram to help you learn
- Helps you understand the topic
- Make notes summarise and present information
- Revise information
- It allows you to organise, categorise and sort information
- Learn easier and faster while also having fun
- It allows you to think about and solve problems in a creative way

How to make a mind map



Select content and concepts

- When studying for exams, one cannot simply study everything, therefore you should be able to choose the core concepts for each subject and work with that.
- Take note of the **headings** and **subheadings** within the chapters.
- Look for key words as this will help you understand

Construct an assignment or essay

- 1. understand the topic

make sure you understand the topic, make key words and underline the important facts so that you know you did not miss anything in the question

- 2. plan your task or essay

Plan how you are going to write the essay. Write down the steps or make a mind map so that it is easier for you to get starting on the task or assignment

- 3. write an introduction

In this first paragraph you introduce the topic and state which question you will be answering or the problem that you will be solving

- 4. write the body of your essay

The body of the essay should consist of the core issues of the topic. Each paragraph that forms a part of the body needs to start with a main idea

- 5. show what you know

Support what you have written down with facts and evidence. Add examples so that it is clear that you understand the topic

- 6. keep to the topic

ANSWER THE QUESTION!!! Do not waste time on writing unnecessary information

- 7. write a conclusion

End with a short conclusion, this should link up with your introduction. Bring all the facts together. NEVER introduce new topics in your conclusion

Make comparisons

- Compare: look at two or more things or people and identify ways in which they are the same or different
- When comparing you usually take note of the similarities more than the differences
- Comparing is an organising skill. It helps you arrange information so that you are able to use it well

Words that indicate similarities

similarity - a quality or thing that makes one person or thing like another

- All
- Also
- As well as
- As with
- Both
- Equally
- In each case
- Just as
- Likewise
- Similarly
- In the same way

Words that indicate differences

contrast - see how ideas, things or people are different

- Alternatively
- Different from
- In opposition to
- On the other hand
- Rather than
- But
- Elsewhere
- Instead of
- Otherwise
- Conversely
- On the contrary
- Despite
- However
- While
- Even if