



**ASPIRE SPEECH
& LEARNING CENTER**

Newsletter

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Announcements

Halloween Costume Week!

During the week of Halloween dress up in your favorite costume and get a picture with Aspire Speech's Mr. Skeleton! Donuts and coffee will be provided for parents and candy for the kids!

October BOGO Tutoring Deal!

Our buy one, get one free deal continues til the end of October! Pick up a flyer in the lobby for friends and family.

Learning Strategies: Mind Mapping

As school curricula demand more and more critical thinking from students starting at low grades, it is important that kids are provided with necessary tools to tackle the challenges thrown at them in their homework. It is key for students to develop methods to think critically and organize their thoughts as early as first and second grade. One specific strategy is Mind Mapping, which is used specifically in high school and collegiate levels. This learning strategy is easily adaptable for younger ages and is a simple and well organized way to teach kids how to process information.

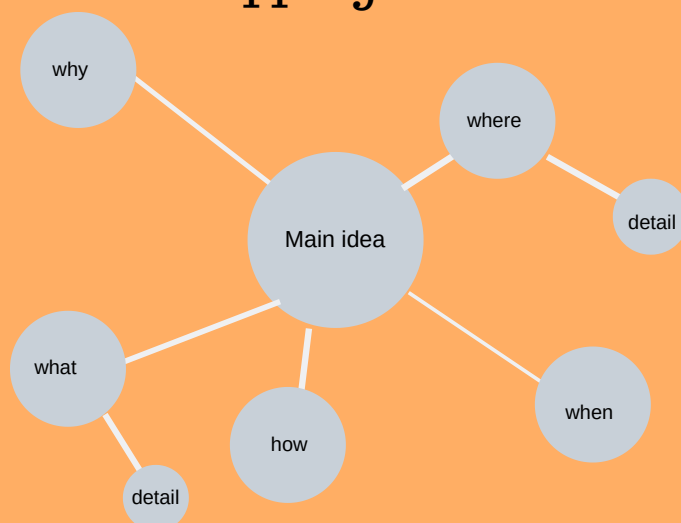
An article from the University of Adelaide Writing Center Learning Guide explains the uses of mind mapping, "Mind mapping was developed as an effective method for generating ideas by association. In order to create a mind map, you usually start in the middle of the page with the central theme/main idea and from that point you work outward in all directions to create a growing diagram composed of keywords, phrases, concepts, facts and figures. It can be used for assignments and essay writing especially in the initial stages, where it is an ideal strategy to map your 'thinking'. Mind mapping can be used for generating, visualizing, organizing, note-taking, problem-solving, decision-making, revising and clarifying your university topic, so that you can get started with assessment tasks. Essentially, a mind map is used to 'brainstorm' a topic and is a great strategy for students."

Kids do well organizing their thoughts using simple, visual tools. Mind mapping diagrams teach them how to do that in a way that can be used throughout their entire education and with every subject, which translates into excellent written and oral skills.

-Information found at [https://courses.peoples-](https://courses.peoples-uni.org/pluginfile.php/22939/mod_resource/content/1/Mind%20Mapping_Uni%20of%20Adelaide%20resources.pdf)

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Visual Depiction of the Mind Mapping Method



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Staff Spotlight

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Rozavel is a Client Relationship Specialist at Aspire Speech and Learning Center and she plans to use her education and work experience to connect people with speech services and resources. She studied Philosophy and Linguistics at Evergreen State College in Washington, and is currently going to school to join the Radiologic Technology program at Fresno City College. During her spare time, she enjoys hot yoga, hiking with her dogs and spending time with her fiancé and stepdaughter.



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