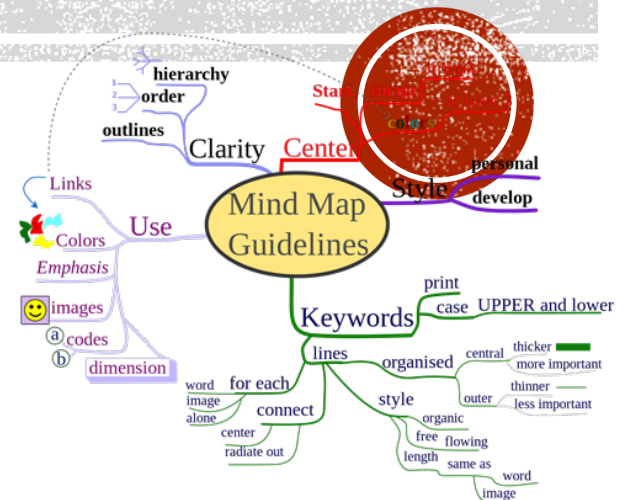


STUDY SKILLS 6

Mind mapping 1 The Art of Mind Mapping



- **LEARNING INTENTION**
TO LEARN HOW TO REVISE

Success Criteria

- To understand why mind-maps are useful in your studies
- To learn how to create mind-maps (properly!)

TASK 1

You will now watch a video clip.

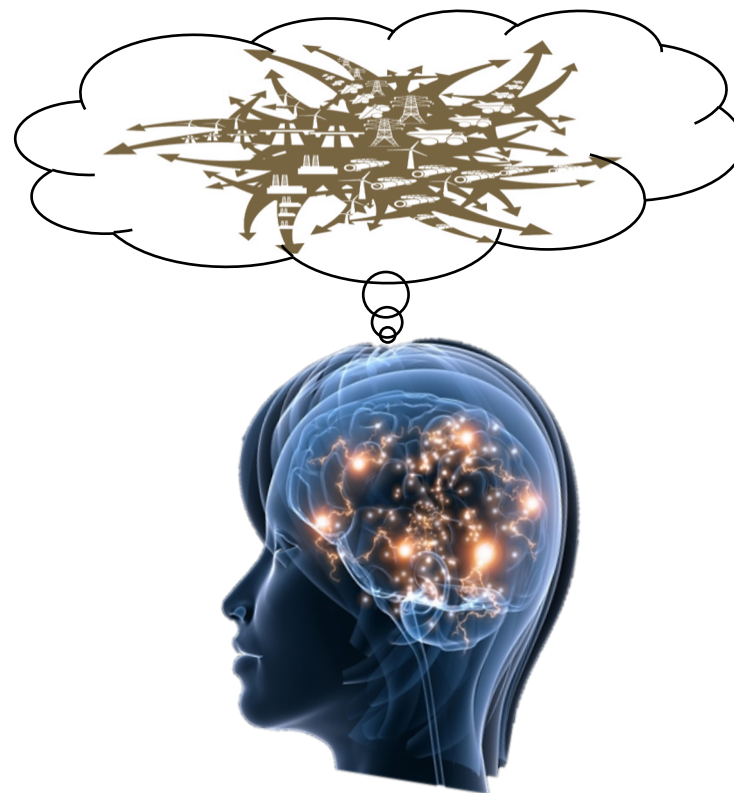
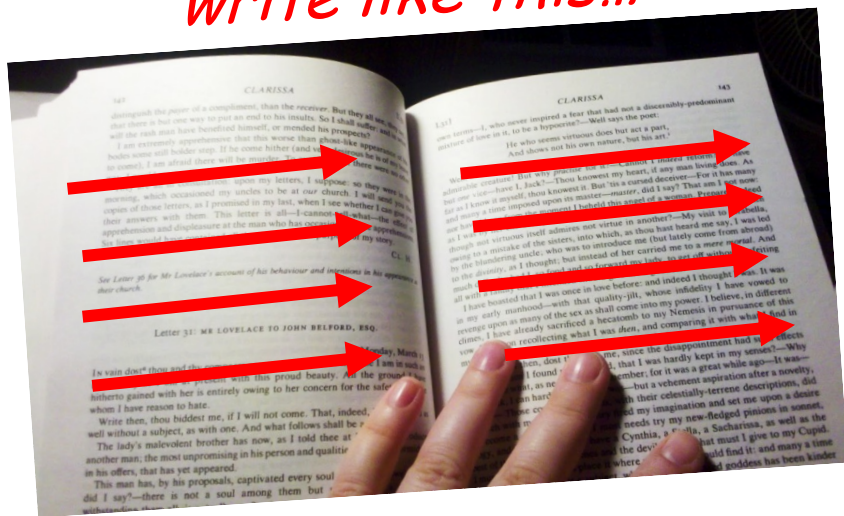
- Mind mapping



WHAT IS A MIND-MAP?

Mind-maps were invented by a man called Tony Buzan who said...

Although we read and write like this...



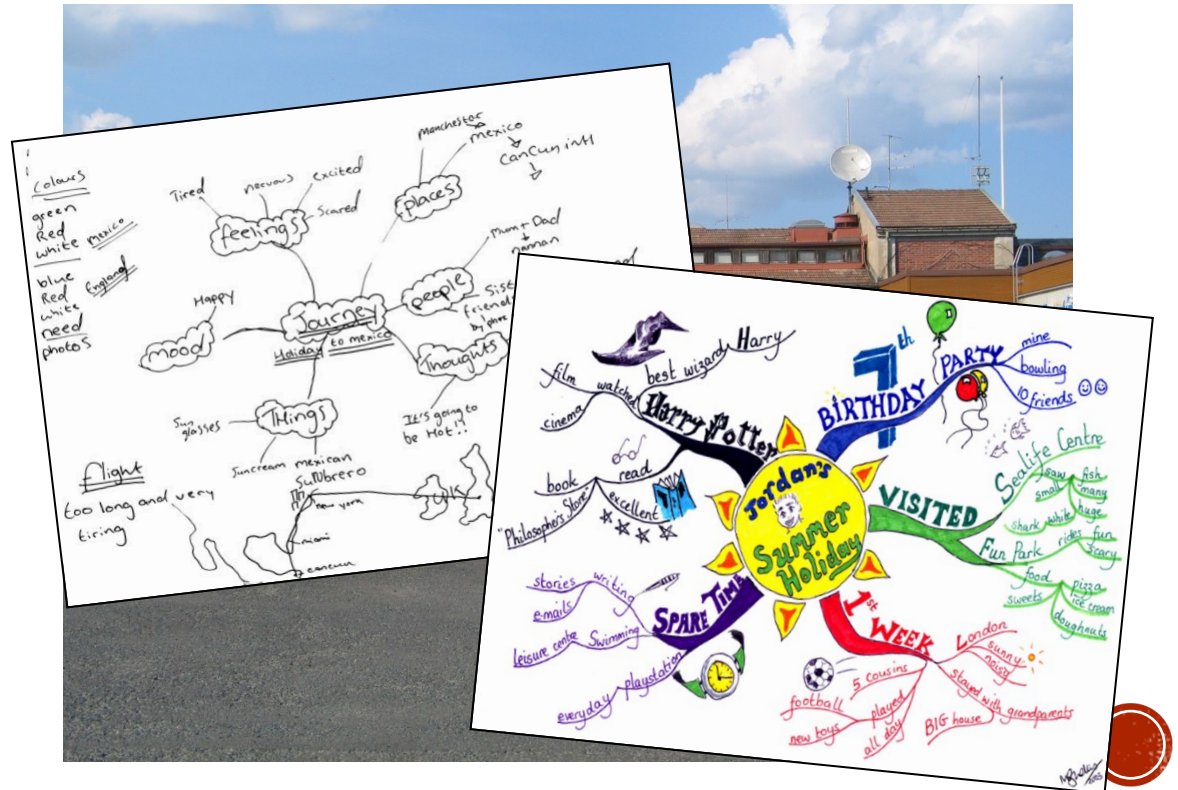
We think more like this



WHAT IS A MIND-MAP?

People often think spider-diagrams are the same as mind-maps...

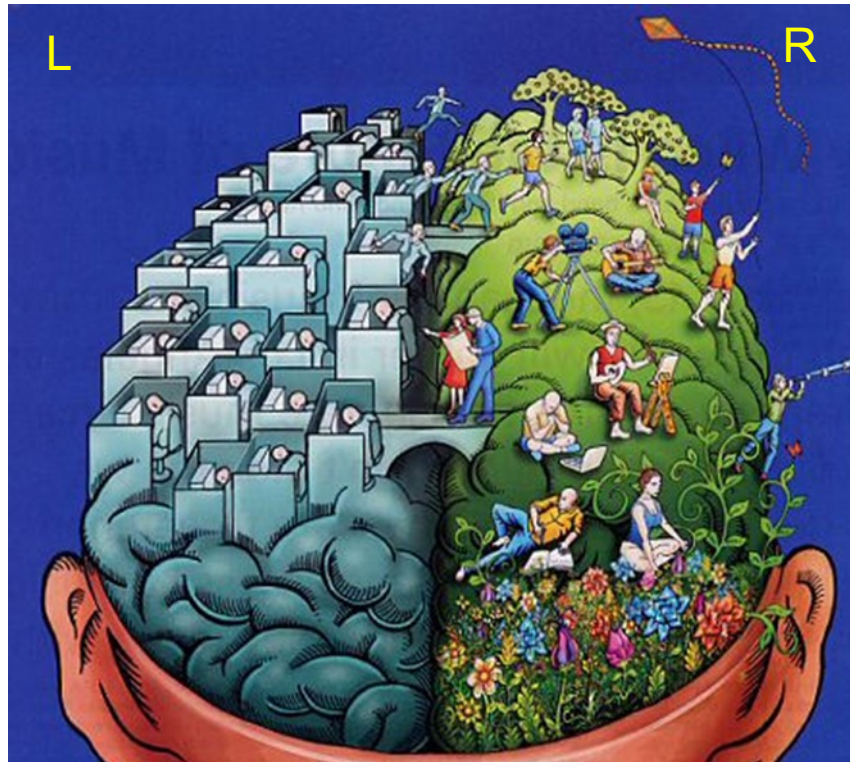
but that's a bit like saying these are the same...



WHAT IS A MIND-MAP?

This difference is based on how we use our brains...

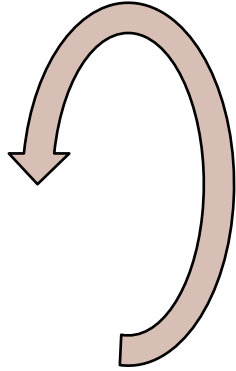
1. Remembering events in words – *what was said*
2. Prefer working alone
3. Good at spelling
4. Enjoy maths
5. Like to read
6. Will make a step by step plan before getting on with a task



1. Remembering events in pictures – *what you saw*
2. Prefer working with other people
3. Good of thinking up creative stories
4. Enjoy art
5. Like to listen to music
6. Will think more about the final product of the task – not how to get there!

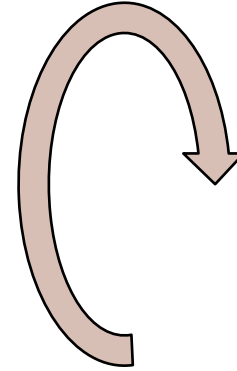
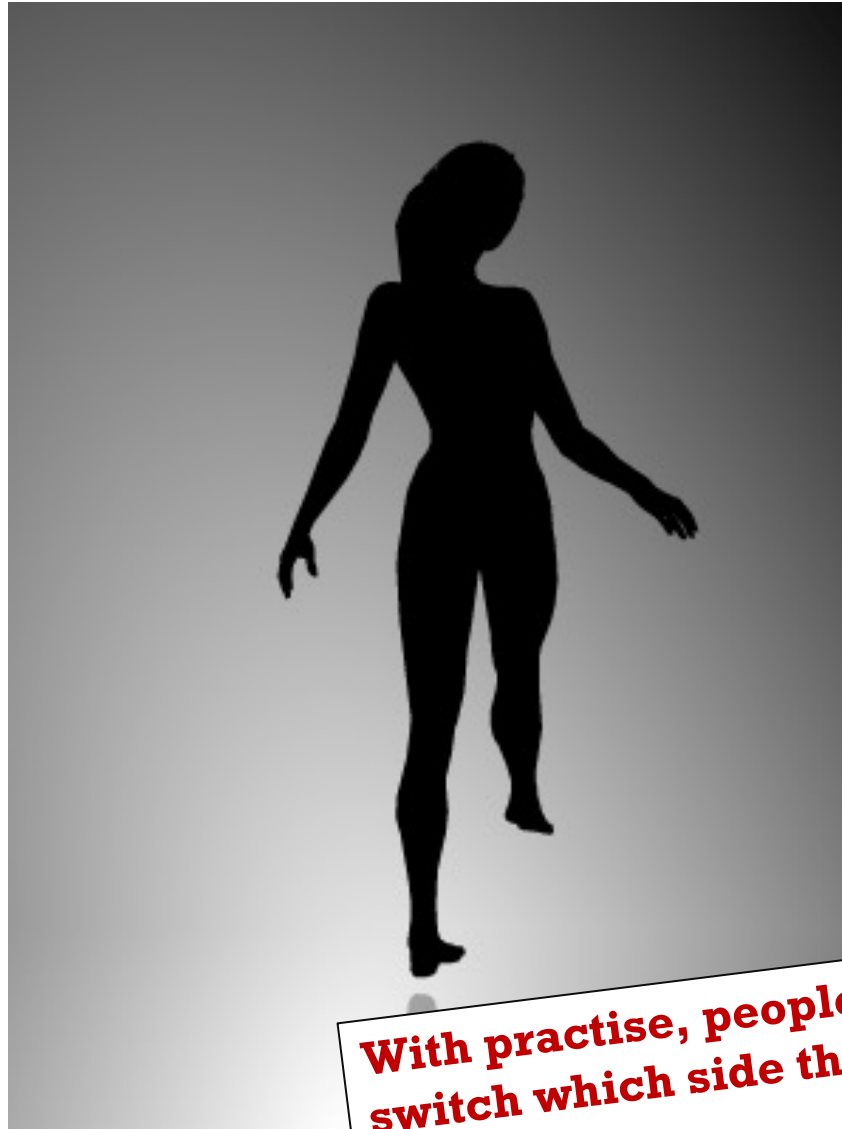


Which way does the dancer turn?



anti-
clockwise

'left
dominant'
brain



clockwise
=

'right
dominant'
brain

**With practise, people can sometimes
switch which side they use most! Can
you?**



Look at the chart and say the COLOUR not the word

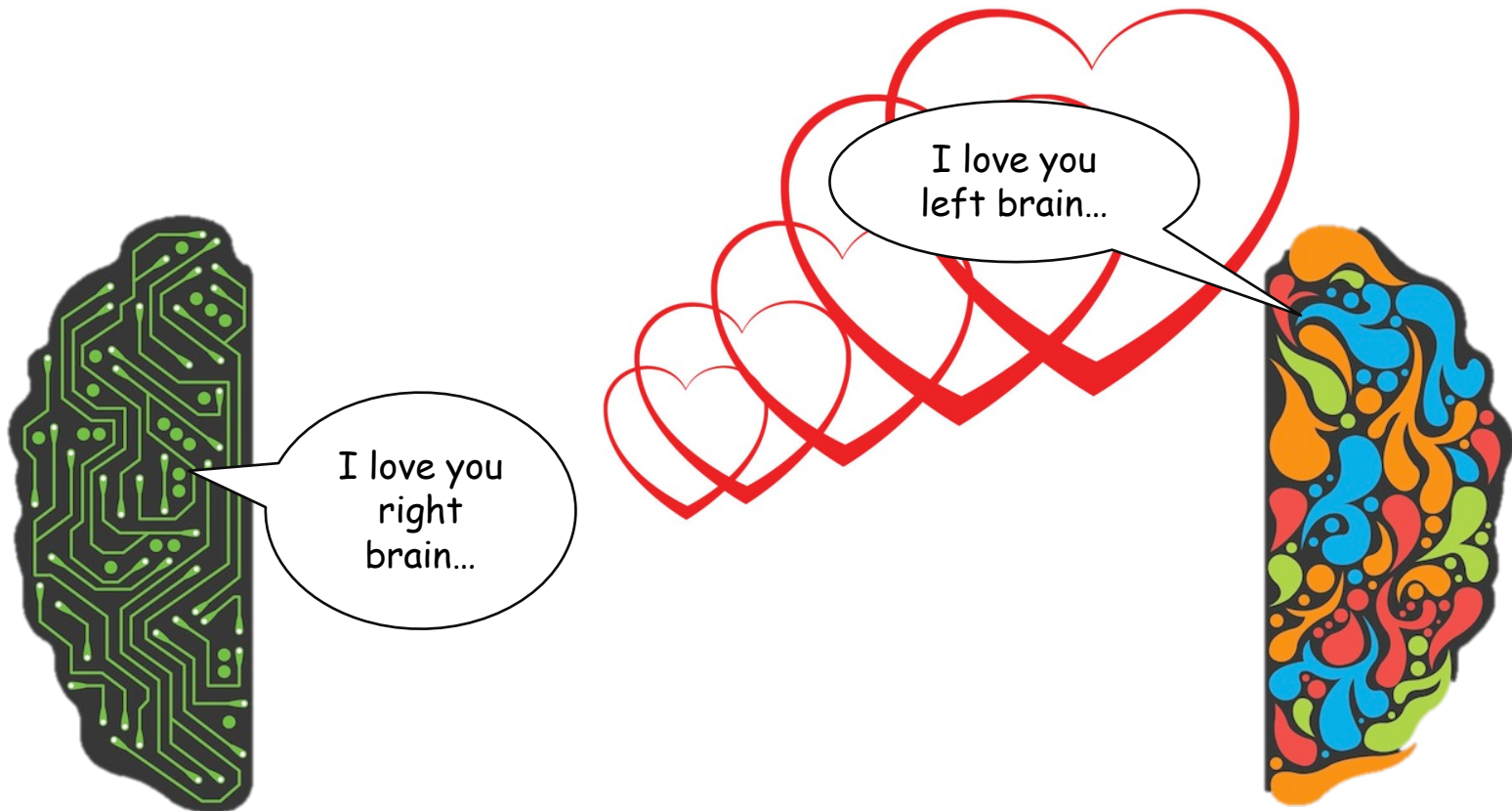
YELLOW	BLUE	ORANGE
BLACK	RED	GREEN
PURPLE	YELLOW	RED
ORANGE	GREEN	BLACK
BLUE	RED	PURPLE
GREEN	BLUE	ORANGE

Left - Right Conflict

Your right brain tries to say the colour but your left brain insists on reading the word.

WHY ARE MIND-MAPS USEFUL?

Mind-maps help bring the left and right sides of the brain together...



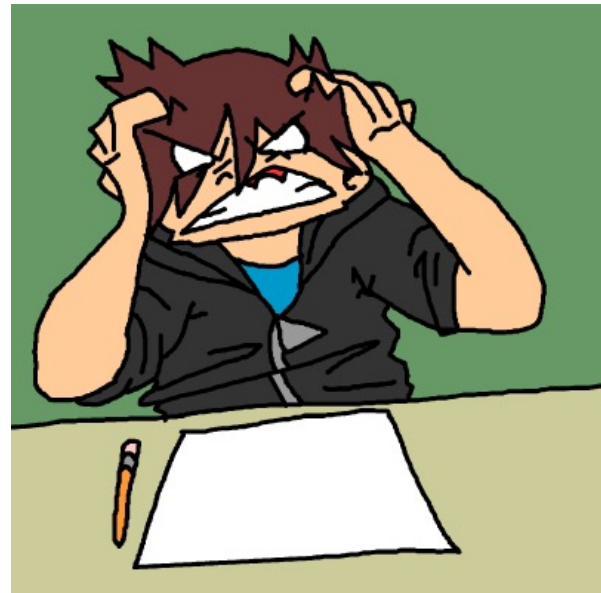
WHY ARE MIND-MAPS USEFUL?

Remembering and revising

Planning out ideas for writing

Planning out ideas for presentations

STOPPING THIS!



Spending 5 - 10 minutes reading...

During the past six weeks I have been off school because it is the summer holidays. I have checked the weather report most days as I detest getting wet in the rain. At times the symbols on the map have been clouds and a sun but in Louth, where I live, we have had clear blue skies all of the time. So either the weatherman is not doing his job properly or our vicar *is* doing his job properly by sending up prayers for sunshine. Not that I believe God answers such trivial prayers.

When I left school in July I was just six years old but since then I have reached the grand old age of seven years old. In other words it was my birthday. For my birthday I have invited ten of my best friends from school, all boys might I add, to come with me to the bowling alley at Fuston Green. I tried to hint to my friends that as my Grandad Colin was paying for all of this, he would be pleased at news of me winning something sporty for once. They took no notice and I came eighth. I suppose two of them maybe did take notice? After bowling, we had a burgers and chips at the restaurant next door. We were given helium balloons which we used to turn our voices squeaky!

We had a grand total of forty two days off for our summer holidays. Unfortunately only one of these could be my birthday. Mum says I can only have one per year. Luckily for me my Mum and Dad have split up and my Dad has moved back to London and this means my Dad, according to my Mum, "overcompensates." He took me to Blackpool for the day as a treat for my birthday. We visited Blackpool Sealife Centre to see the great white sharks but we ended up at Northside Fun Park after I advised Dad, "Once you've seen one fish, you've seen them all." In between the rides I asked Dad if we could try the food at each stall. We had pizza and ice cream. Some of it came back up on the Grand Waltzer which luckily made room in my stomach for donuts and sweets.

My best week of the holidays was visiting London to see my Grandpa Henry and Grandma Betty. This was the first week of the holidays and I am not sure that was a good thing for a tired pupil as I had to spend all day playing football with my five cousins. We also played F1 racing with remote control cars and because I loved this so much, my Grandma bought me two to bring home. I have not raced them yet but the dog does like to chase them.

I spent the rest of my time in the holidays playing on my PlayStation every morning. The rest of my family, namely my Mum, dog and sister, like to sleep in but I always wake up when the sun comes out and the birds start singing (people call it singing, but I really don't think they would get past the first round of X-Factor unless Simon turns them into a group). In the afternoons I would also go swimming. Mum signed me up to a summer school for when she was at work and this was the option I chose. I can now swim three lengths and I have a certificate to prove it.

Before bedtime I like to read whilst my Mum and sister watch television. I have read my first novel, the first Harry Potter book. My friends have made the different wizards like Snape, Dumbledore and Hagrid but I just like Harry. Four of us went to the cinema to watch it and we loved it but the book is a bit better. I would have preferred to have started at Hogwarts this September as a trainee wizard rather than go back to East Lincs Junior as a Year 3.

...or just 2 minutes looking...



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**WHAT DID JORDAN DO
ON HIS HOLIDAY?**

**What makes Jordan's
mind map so good?**





Jordan's Summer Holiday

Harry Potter

7th BIRTHDAY PARTY

VISITED

1st WEEK

SPARE TIME

best wizard **Harry**
watched film
cinema

read book
excellent
"Philosopher's Stone"

mine
bowling
10 friends
played all day
5 cousins
BIG house
stayed with grandparents
London
sunny
noisy

Sealife Centre
saw small fish
many huge
shark white
Fun Park
rides fun scary
food sweets
pizza ice cream
doughnuts

writing stories
emails
leisure centre
swimming
playstation
everyday