

# Mindmaps

Most of us think in a linear fashion preferring bullet points or headings to organise our notes. However, for the less organised mind this is a difficult way to work. Our ideas do not come out in neat paragraphs but in a hap-hazard manner. We have to dig deep in our memories to pull out salient facts and a page full of information from a book or webpage can be daunting, both visually and contextually.

Mindmaps allow us to organise our thoughts with ease.

Once the main branches from the central idea have been established ( this may need support), ideas can be attached ad lib. Its easy to go back to a branch to add ideas when we remember them.

Mindmaps are personal and can be organised how you wish; full of pictures and colour or neatly boxed with key words and phrases.

Essentially a visual way of learning or teaching they can be become a kinaesthetic exercise such as in the 'ketso' system that uses velcro backed branches stuck on to a fabric background.

Software and apps are readily available to create mindmaps that can be easily converted to linear notes or even presentations.

Mindmaps work in Education and business.

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