

Mind Mapping

A Basic Guide

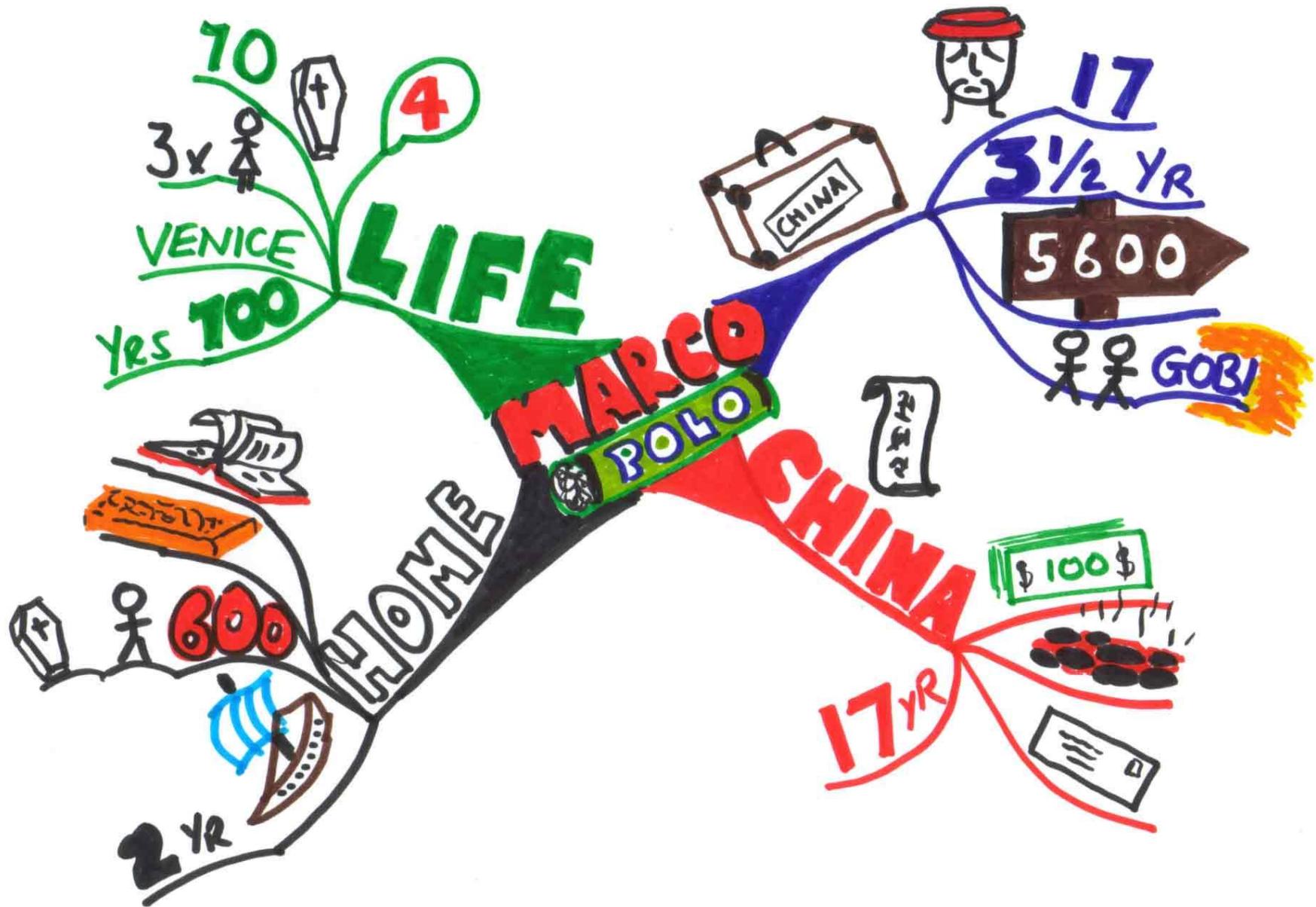
Marco Polo

Marco Polo went to China when he was just 17 years old. It took him three and a half years to get there, the reason it took so long was because he had to travel a total distance of five thousand six hundred miles. As he was still young he travelled with two other people, his Father and his Uncle, who had both been to China previously.

Whilst in China Marco Polo came across several things which fascinated him. The 1st was paper money. Before Marco Polo had only ever used coins, which were heavy to carry, paper money was nice and light and Marco Polo loved using it. He also came across people using coal, this was new to Marco Polo at the time. The Chinese were using it to heat their homes and cook their food. The other thing that amazed Marco Polo was the postal service, in China they had three types of service, Imperial class, 1st class and 2nd class. Marco watched this in action and realised it was very effective and very efficient. Marco Polo spent a total of 17 years in China before returning home.

The journey home took less time, the reason for this was because Marco Polo travelled part of the way home by boat. It took just 2 years in total. The journey home though was very dangerous, approximately six hundred people died on that journey, they died for various reasons. One of the reasons was from having a lack of fresh food and water, battles also occurred on the boat, some people died after falling overboard the sides of the boat during storms. Marco Polo survived though and one of the reasons he survived was because he had been given a Golden Tablet by the Emperor of China. This Tablet acted like a passport and ensured a safe passage for Marco Polo. When he finally returned home Marco decided to write a book on his experiences, however the things he had seen and experienced in China were so different to what anyone in the Western world had ever seen or experienced, no-one believed him, it wasn't till just last century when China was more freely visited did people start to think that he may have been telling the truth.

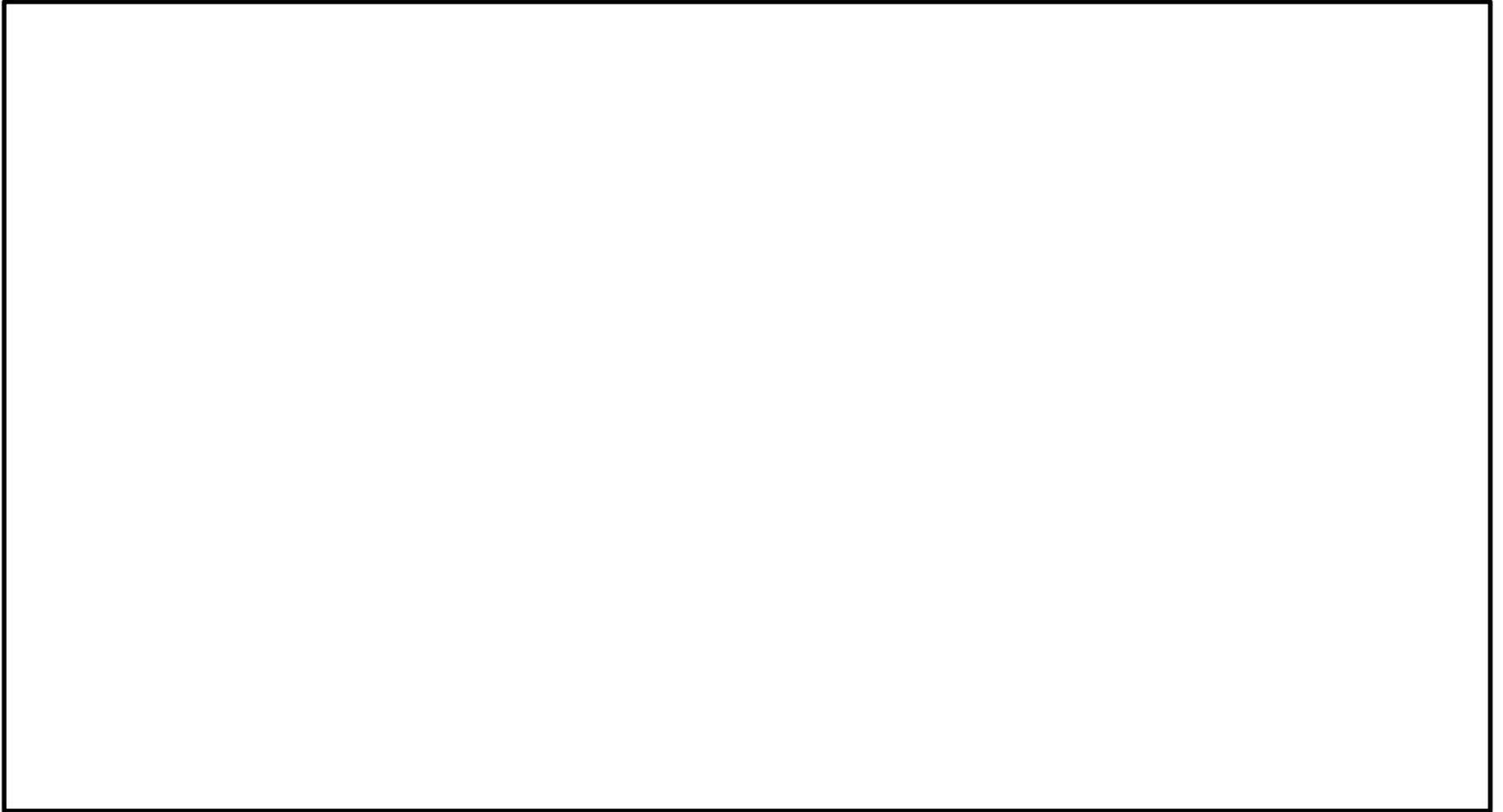
Marco Polo was alive 700 hundred years ago. He was from Venice and that was where he chose to live when he finished travelling. He was the proud Father to 3 beautiful daughters. He died when he was 70 years old. On his travels he also learnt how to speak 4 languages fluently.



Why use Mind Maps?

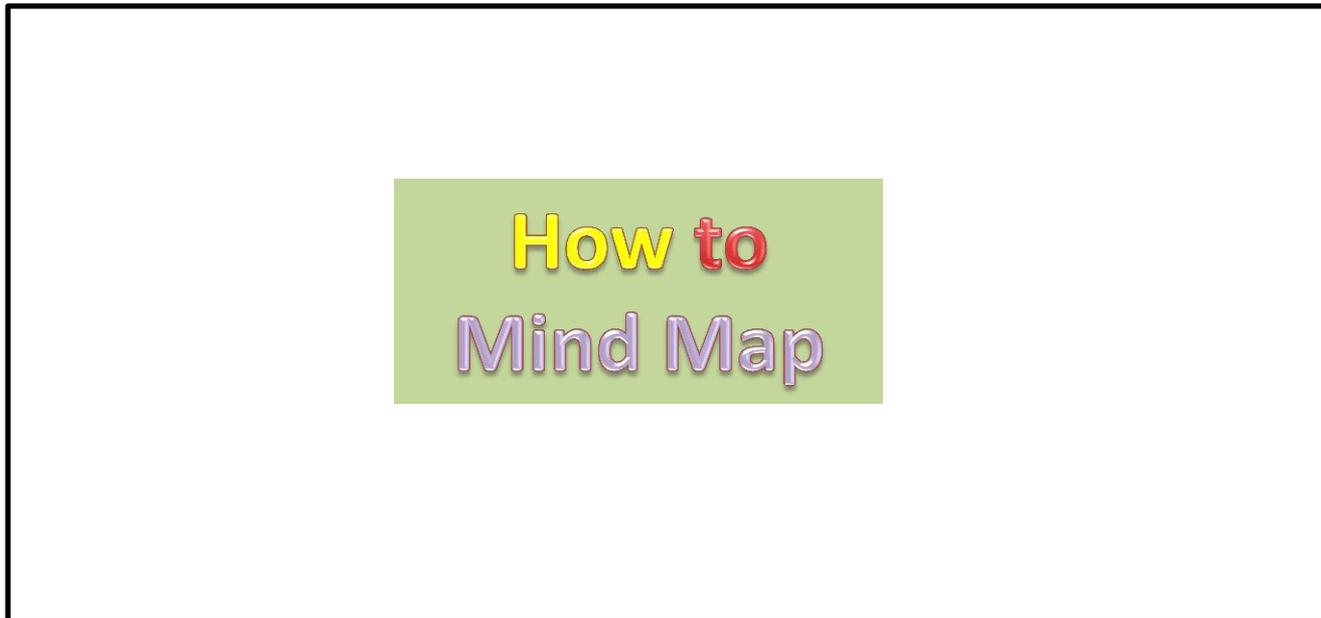
- Tony Buzzan ‘invented’ the mind map. His aim was to mimic how the brain links ideas and therefore aid thinking.
- Our Brains tend to think in pictures and emotions so by using pictures we help our brains.

1. Place the paper as Landscape



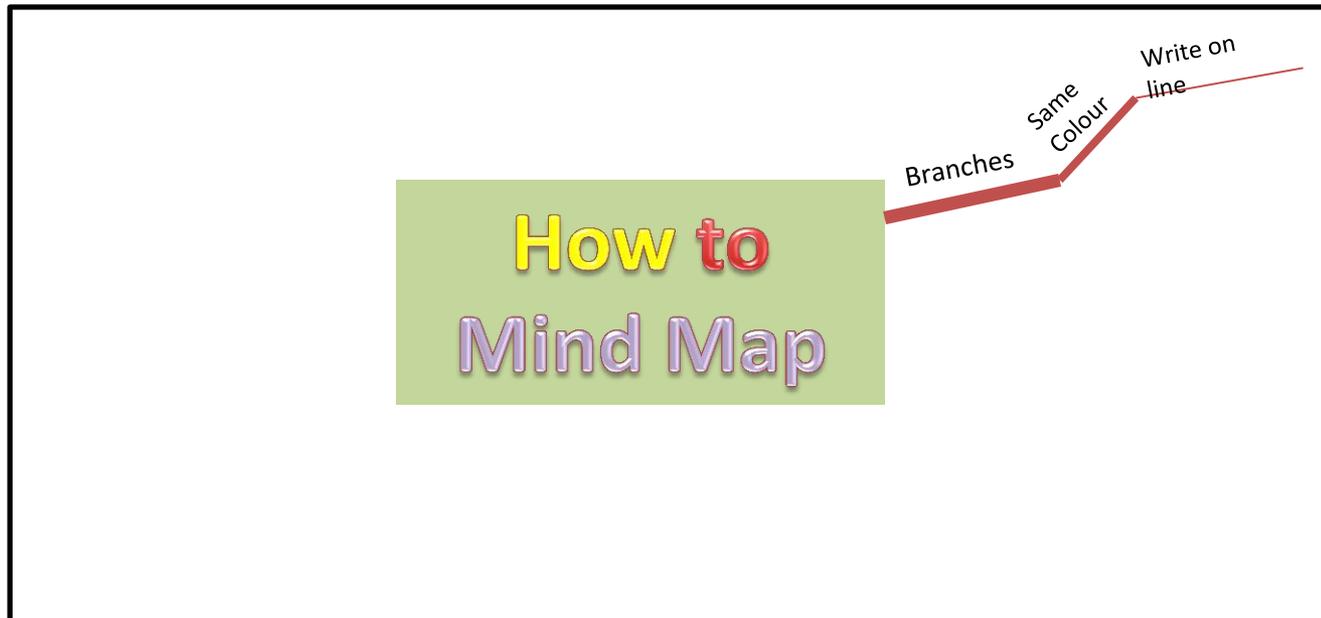
2. Start in the middle with a 'picture' word

- By making the words more picture like we remember them better.
- Use THREE colours to help draw in your eye.



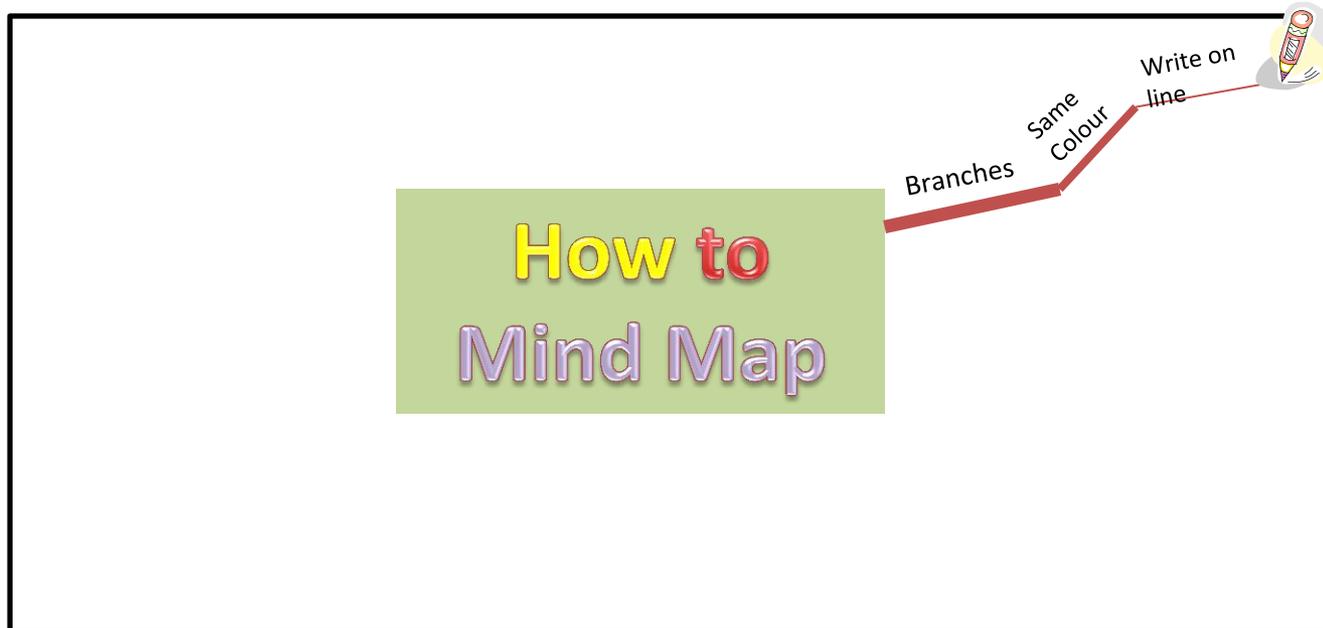
3. The Branches Start Thick

- Write the KEY WORDS on the line
- Keep all attached branches in the same colour



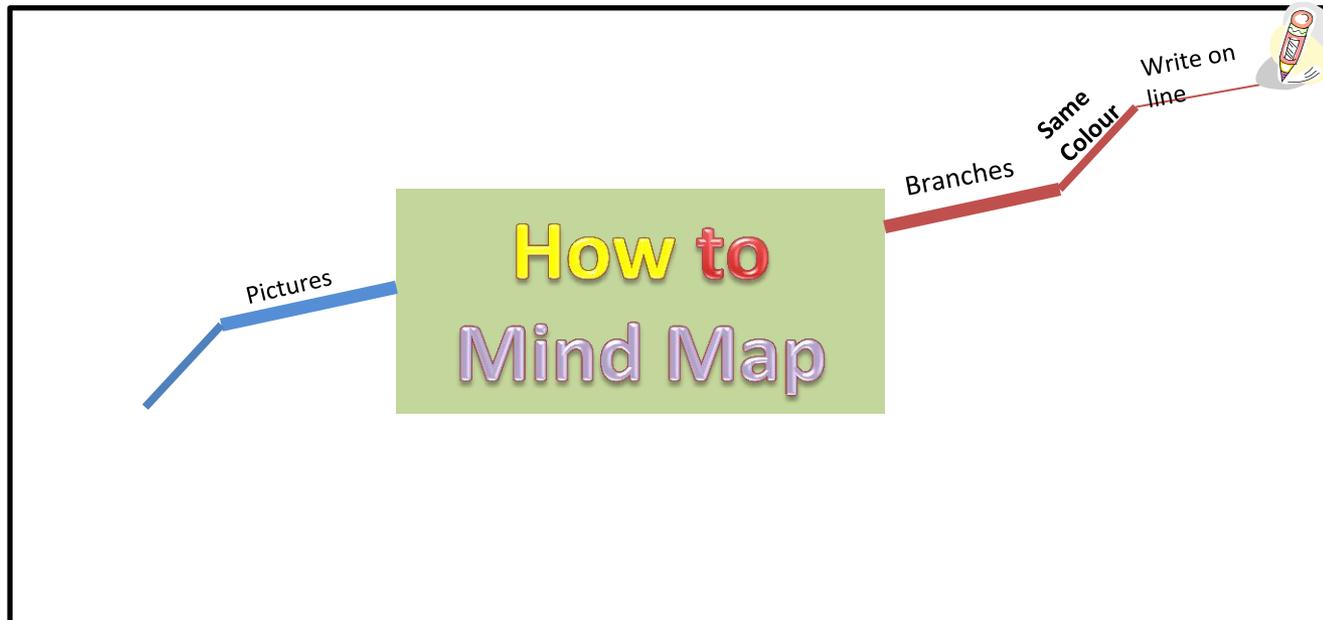
Add Pictures to help Remember

- Use your imagination!



Start a new branch for a new idea.

- Use a different colour for each branch



Start a new Branch for a new area

- Use a DIFFERENT colour
- Make numbers more picture like (bubble writing) to help your brain
- Add pictures

How2

imagination

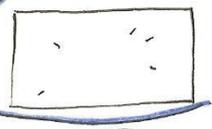
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WORDS

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Middle



Colours

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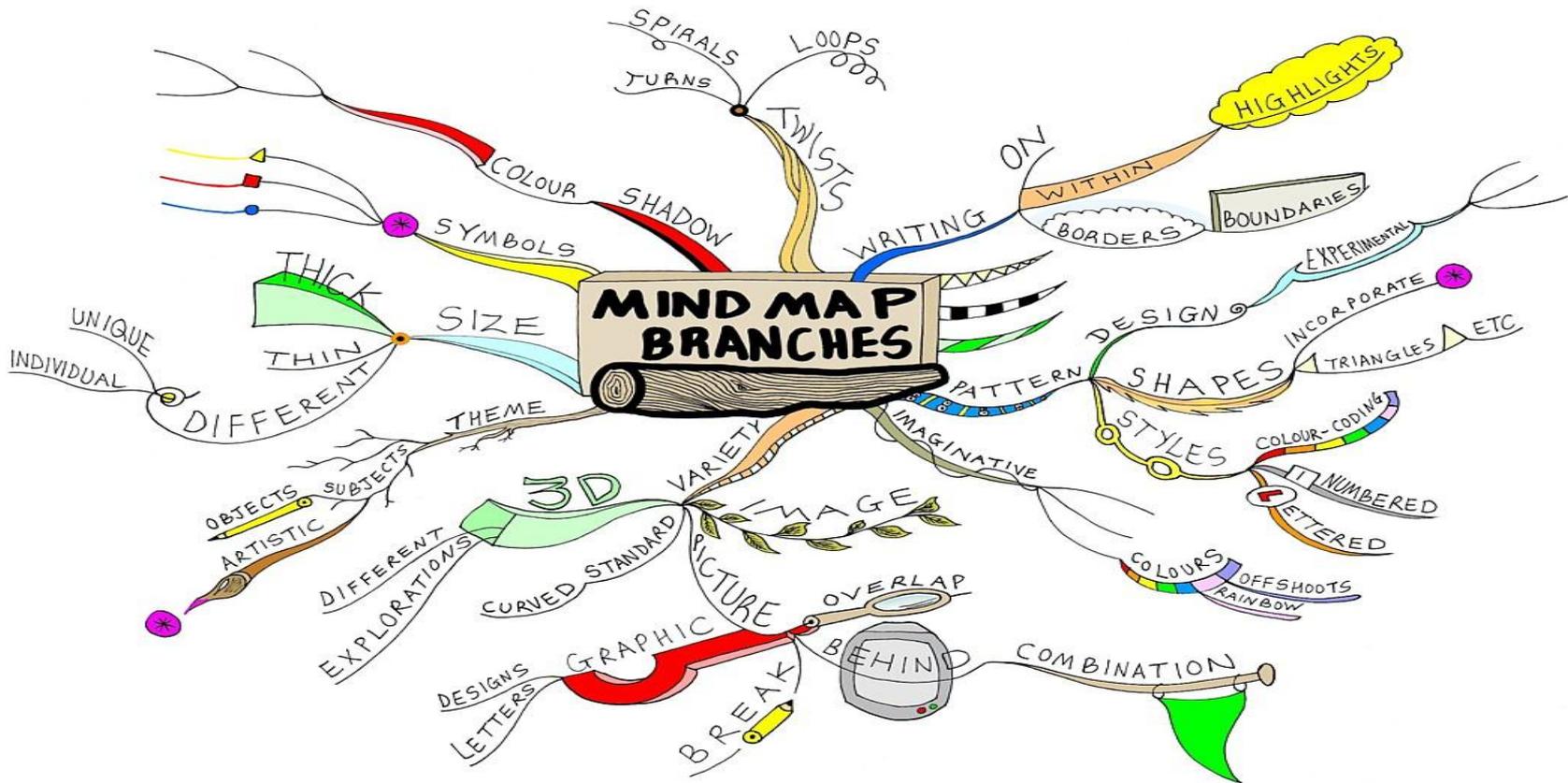
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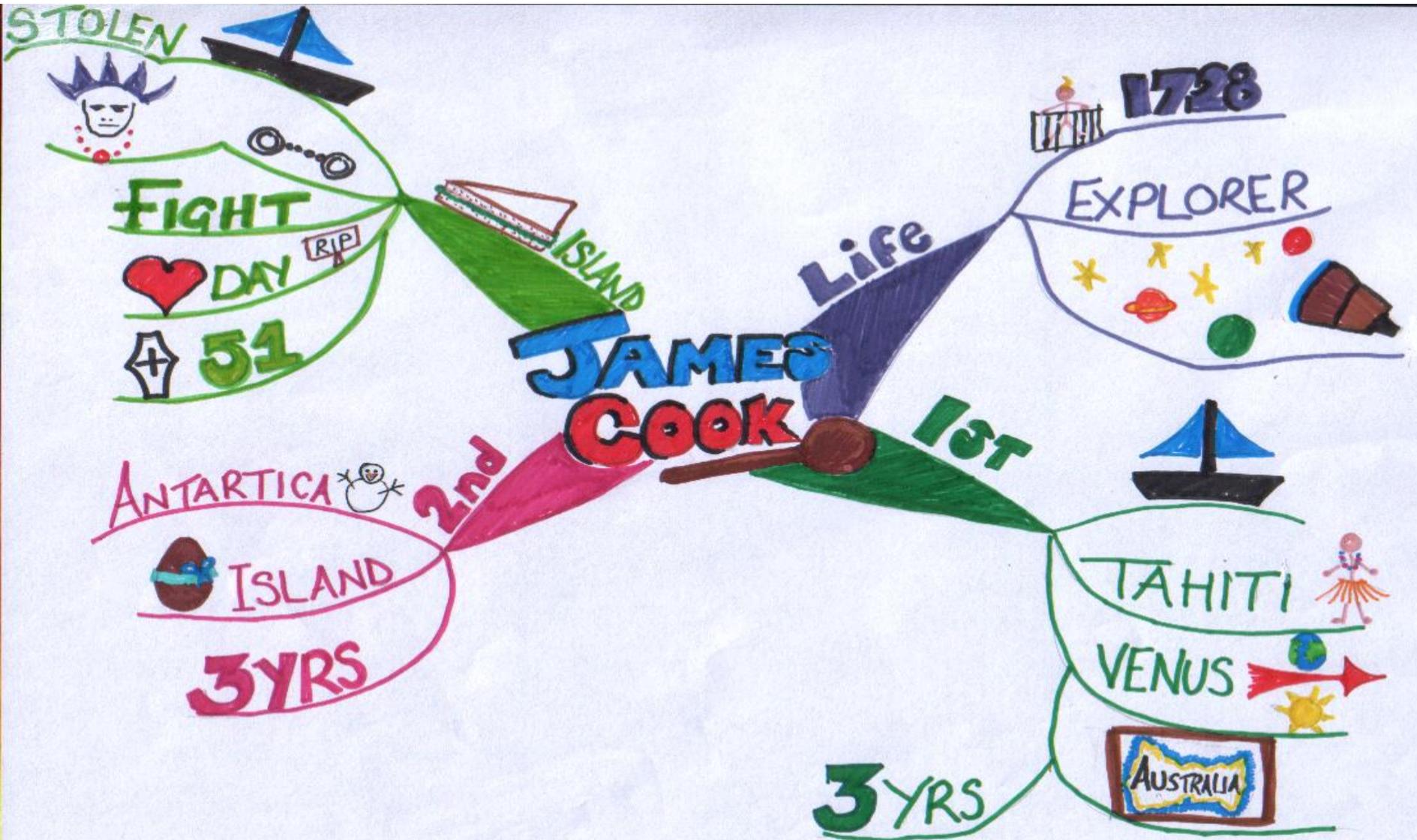
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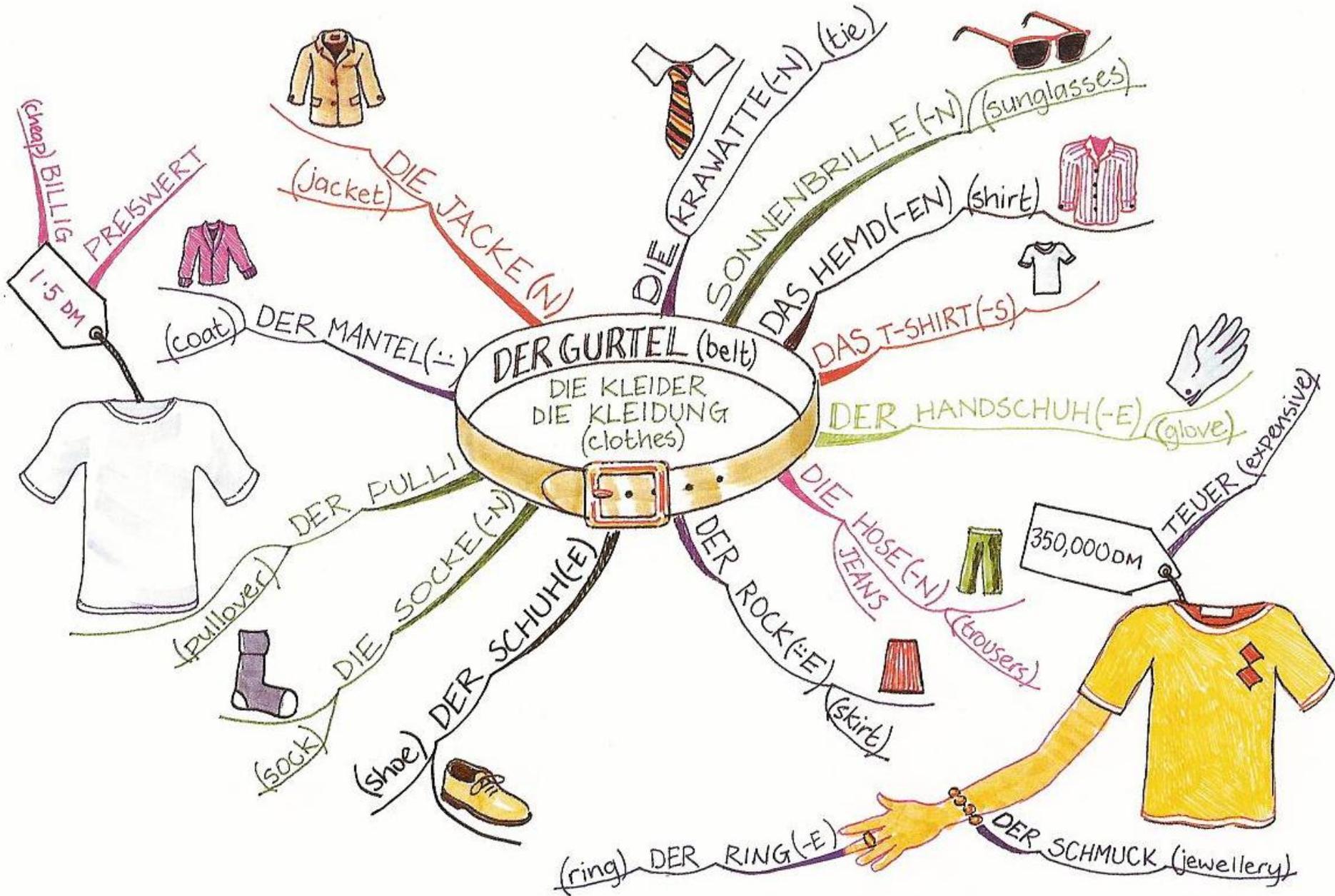
Key Rules for Mind Maps

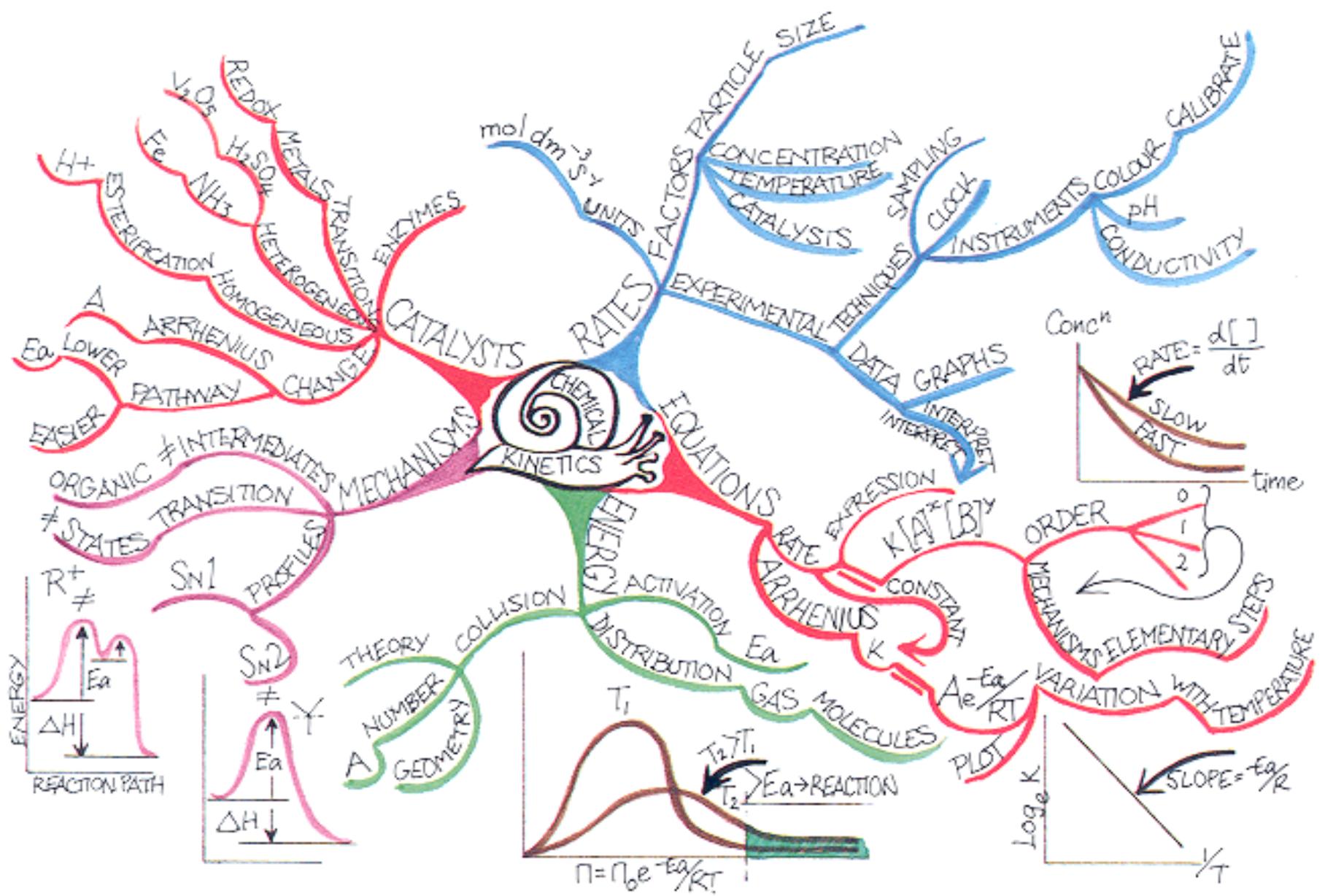


Examples...









Ways to Mind Map

