

What is a Mind Map?

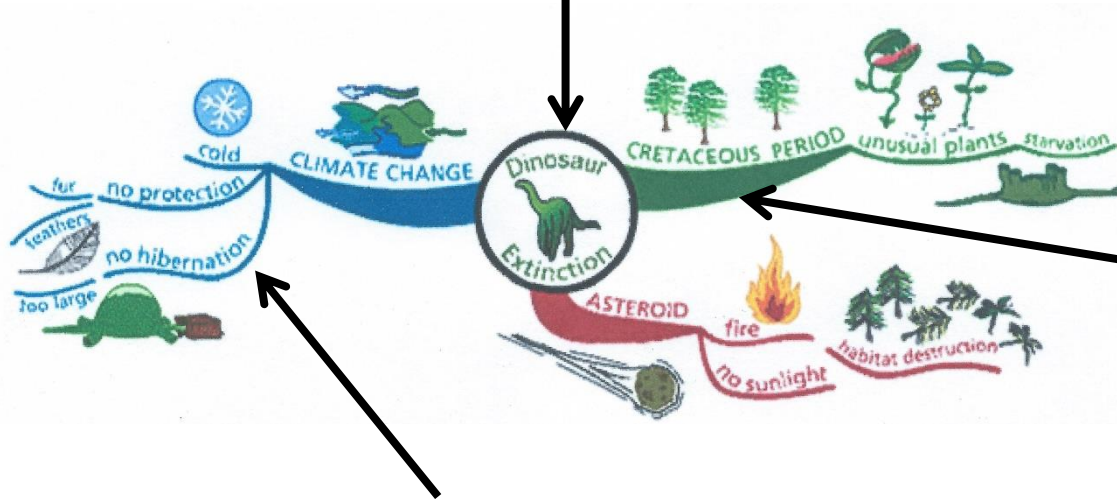
This is a step by step guide on how to create a Mind Map. Mind Mapping is a visual way of capturing your thoughts and ideas on a topic. It is a way to plan, remember and take notes. You use colour, images and key words to allow your brain to remember things. You can link different parts of the Mind Map together to show your thinking. It does not use long sentences or phrase – key words make it easier for your brain to remember.

SUMMARY

- Topic in the centre.
- Thick branches for the main ideas.
- Thinner branches for detail.
- Use of key words not sentences or phrases.
- Use colour and images
- Use upper and lower case letters to label the branches.

STEP 1

To start your Mind Map you need to begin by putting the subject of the Mind Map in the middle of the page. This could be a topic or key question. In the example it is 'Dinosaur Extinction'.



STEP 3

The final step is to use thinner branches to add more detail to each idea. You use key words (not sentences), images and colour to demonstrate your ideas. The key words are written on top of the thinner branches. You can have branches coming off thinner branches. The example given shows this.

STEP 2

The next step is to add the main branches to organise your ideas about the subject of the Mind Map. In this example there are three main branches, each a reason why the dinosaurs became extinct. Notice that each branch is a different colour, the idea is written on top of the branch and there are images to remind you of the idea.