

Vocabulary: Mind Mapping

A mind map can be used as a way to help your child really focus on words that they find hard to remember, or to help them learn new vocabulary.

The idea is to choose a word and then list as many features/properties of that word as possible, e.g.

- what the item looks like
- where it is found
- what category it belongs to
- what it's for
- related words
- what letter/sound the word begins with
- what it rhymes with
- number of syllables (beats)

Building up knowledge about the different features of a word is believed to help the child's brain to store and find vocabulary words.

Once a mind-map has been made for several words, pick some of the words and take opportunities to discuss the word and their features with the child throughout the week.

Example:

