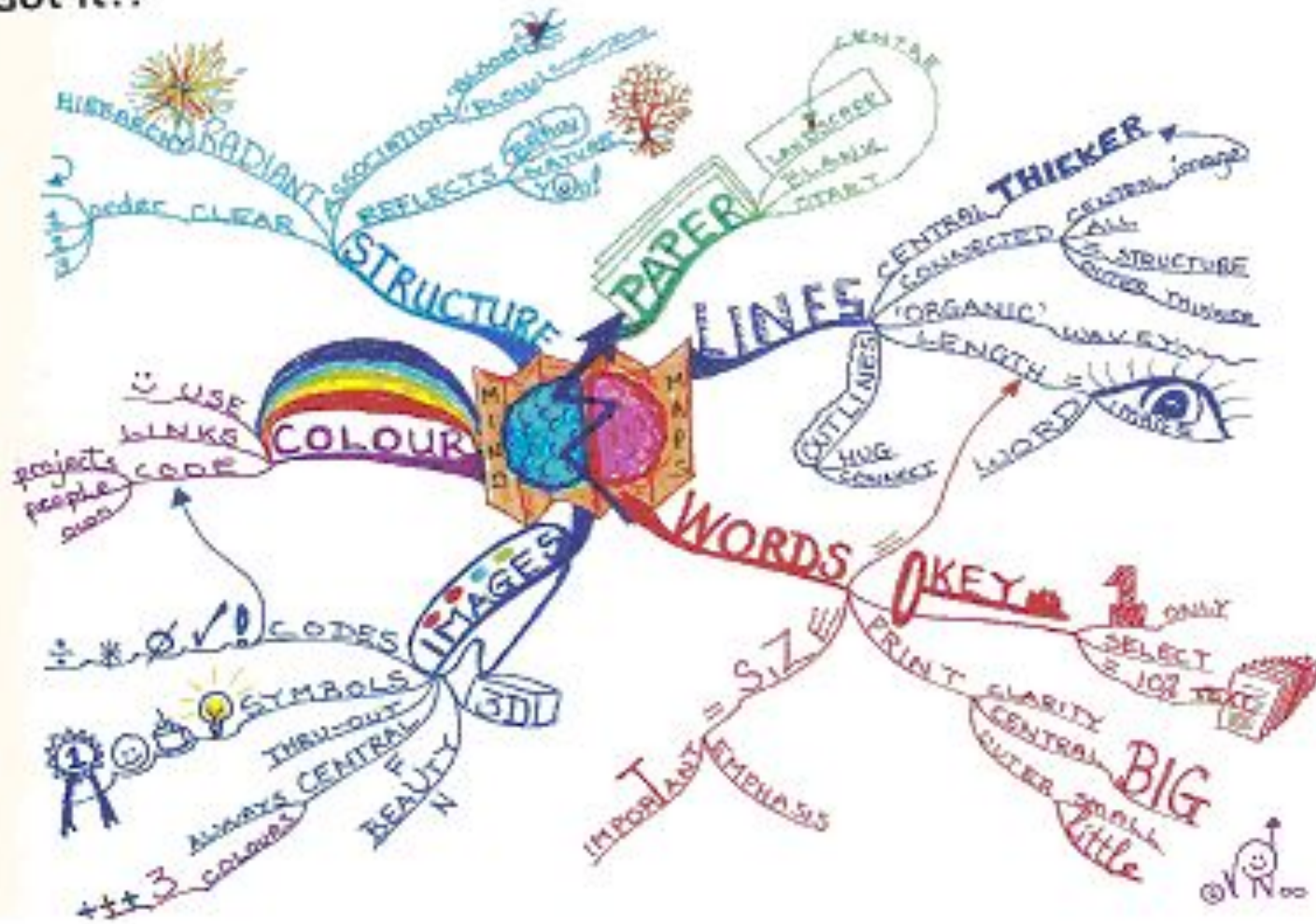# Mind Mapping

Organizing Your Thoughts and Creating New Ideas

Information taken from Creativity Web and from mind-map.com

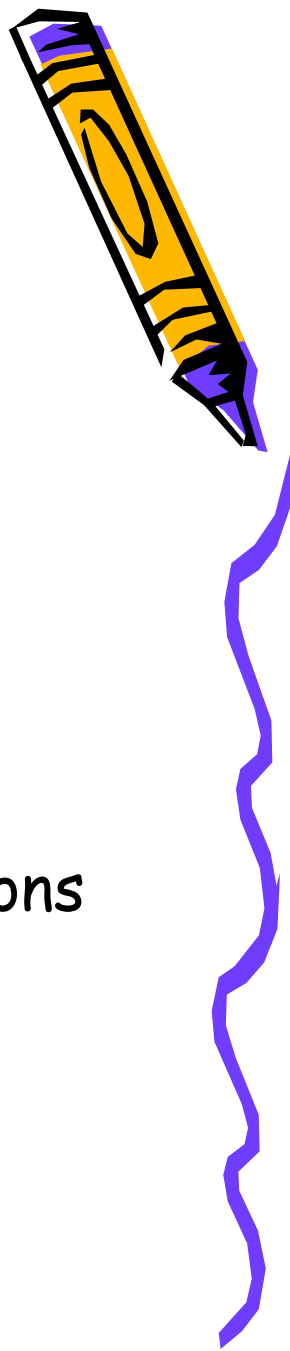A sample Mind Map: A mindmap of mindmapping

What is a Mind Map?

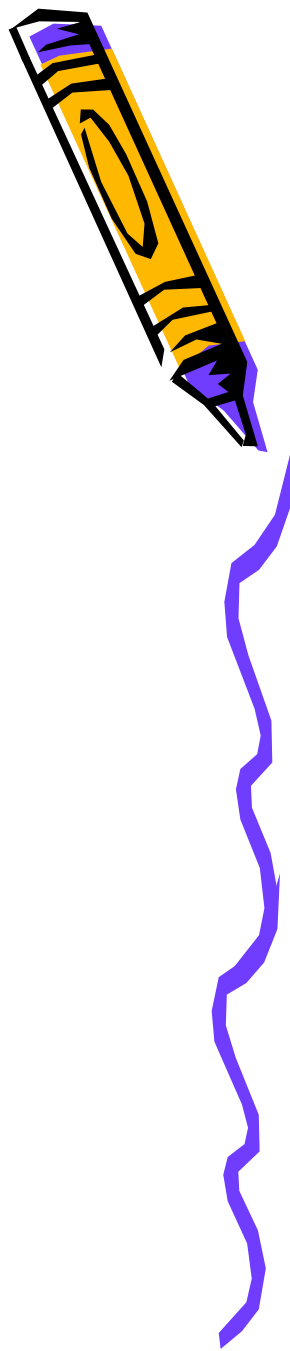- A <u>visual</u> representation of an idea, concept or problem

And also...

- A logical organization of contents/solutions
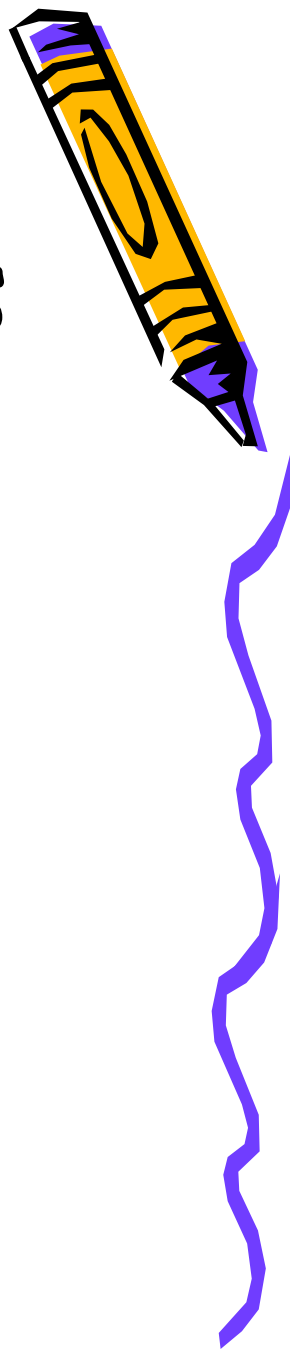- A visual set of associations

Uses for Mind Maps

- Problem Solving
- Organizing
- Idea Generation
- Essay organiztion
- …

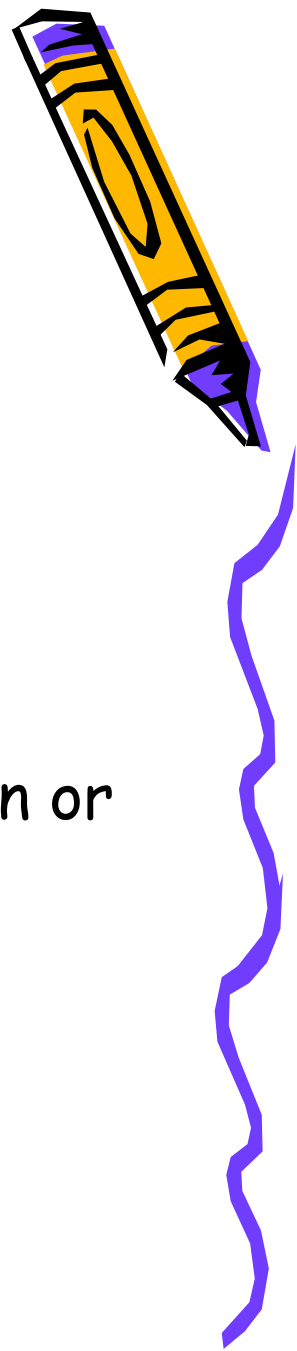# More Uses for Mind Maps

- **Overviewing**
- **Concentrating**
- **Memorising**
- **Organising**
- **Presenting**
- **Planning**

- **Meeting**
- **Training**
- **Thinking**
- **Negotiating**
- **Brain Blooming**

From Buzan's site (mind-map.com)
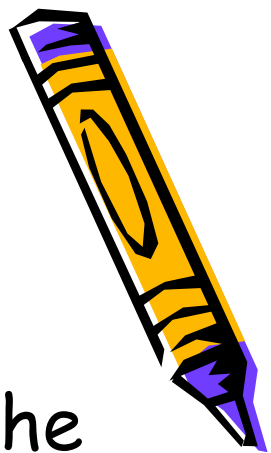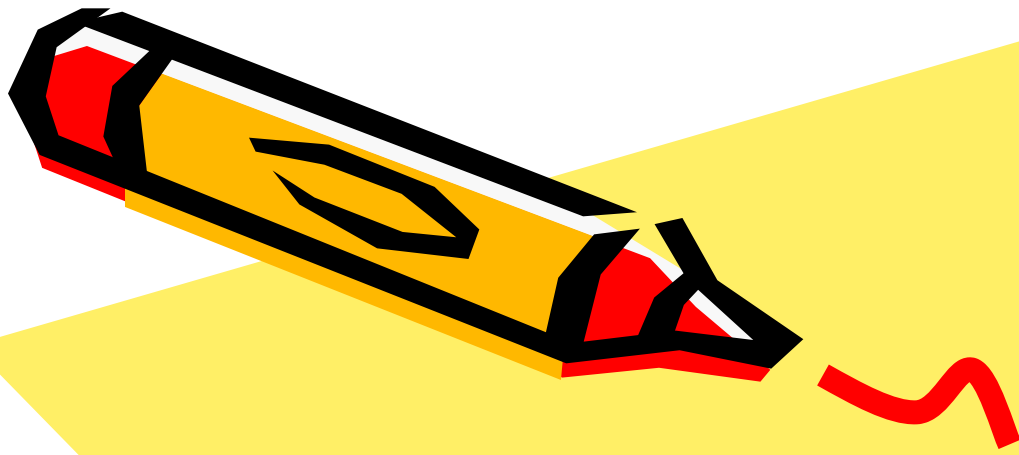
More "Practical" Applications:

- Generating new ideas
- Study Skills
- Web Site Design
- Decision making

- Career Planning
- Essay organization
- "To Do" lists
- For idea generation or problem solving
  - 5WH
  - 5 Senses
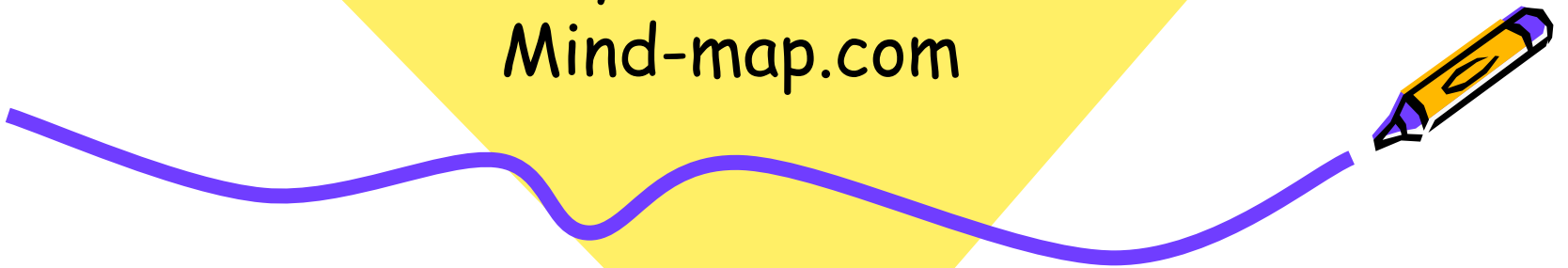 - Provocateur

How to Mind Map

1. Start in the centre with an image of the topic.
2. Use images, symbols, codes and colours.
3. Select key words.
4. Each word/image must be alone.
5. The lines must be connected the central image.
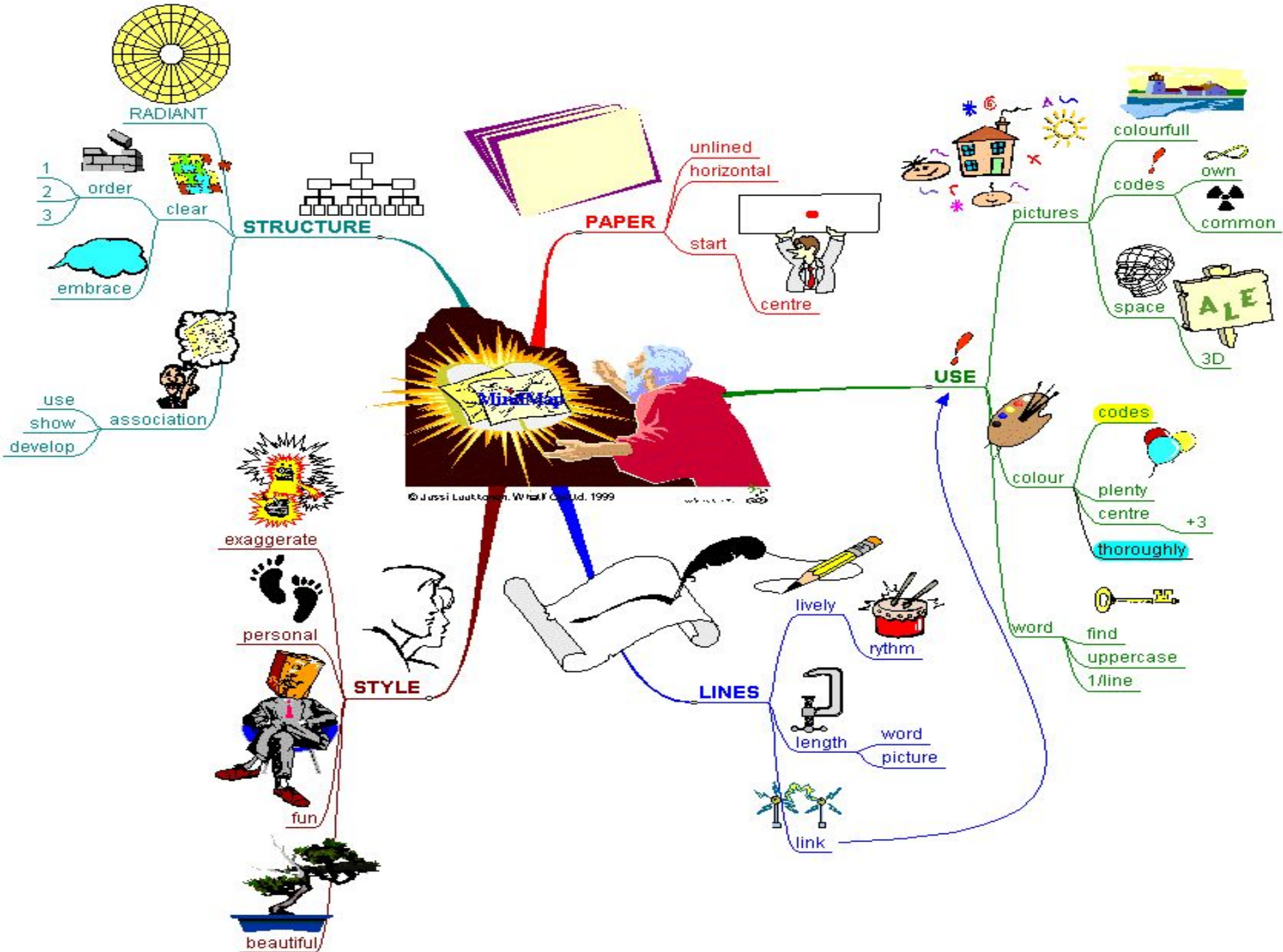6. Use emphasis and show associations in your Mind Map.

A Mind Map of Mind Mapping

From Tony Buzan's web site
Mind-map.com

RADIANT

1
2
3

order

clear

STRUCTURE

embrace

use
show
develop

association

PAPER

unlined
horizontal

start

centre

colourfull

codes

own

common

pictures

space

3D

A L E

USE

codes

colour

plenty

centre

+3

thoroughly

word

find
uppercase
1/line

exaggerate

personal

STYLE

fun

beautiful

lively

rythm

LINES

length

word
picture

link

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MindMap

A Mind Map for SOC 204

SOC 204

Models of Thinking
- Vertical Thinking
- Models of the Creative Process
- Lateral Thinking

Creative Problem Solving Techniques
- Mind Mapping
- LARC
- Brainstorming
- Advanced Brainstorming

Creativity Techniques
- Journal Activities

Understanding Thinking
- Logical Problem Solving
- Bloom
- Critical Vs. Creative

Understanding Yourself
- Hemispheric Modes
- Multiple Intelligences
- Learning Style
- Personality
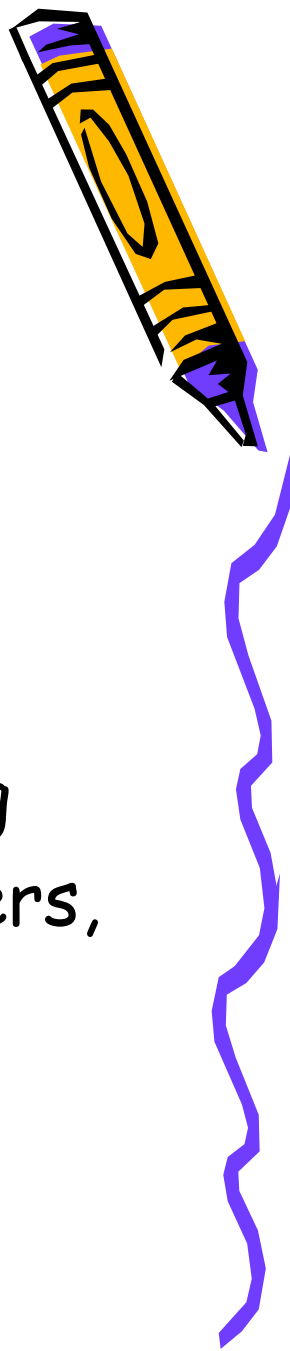
Brainstorm…

- What to Mind Map?

- List your ideas
  - Remember, no evaluation or censoring
  - To get started: cars, school, computers, operating systems, what to do with a piece of paper

Pick one!

- Create a mind map.
  - Remember:
    - Colour
    - Order of headings
    - Connectivity
    - Pictures or symbols

- For Journal activities, please be sure that your mindmap is suitable for sharing.