

Word Mapping

Word mapping allows pupils to create a concept map or a visual organizer that will promote understanding of a new word/concept. It will help pupils to visualise the relationships between words and their possible meanings allowing them to think about the word in several ways. Teachers can use concept mapping for explicit vocabulary instruction or as a classroom assessment for learning tool because they provide teachers with a quick look at students' vocabulary knowledge.

Concept maps;

- deepen understanding and comprehension.
- help children organise new information.
- are especially useful for teaching Tier 3 words.
- help students to make meaningful connections between the new word and words previously learned.
- are easy to construct and can be used within any content area.

There are a variety of concepts maps available for vocabulary instruction including;

- Frayer Model
- Vocabulary Cluster
- Own the Word Graphic Organizer
- Concept Map Graphic Organizer