Mind Mapping for beginners

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What is a Mind Map?

It is a graphical, learning and creating aid.
What can mind maps be used for?

- To help organise information
- Taking notes in a meeting
- Planning an essay or report
- Generating ideas and thinking creatively
- Learning and studying
I’ll let the expert tell you more.......
Why use mind maps?

Think of ‘your house’

This proves that your brain remembers and thinks in colour and pictures.

**Mind mapping:**
links the left side of your brain that focuses on numbers, words, lists and logic, to the right, creative side.
• Your brain functions by connecting and associating between the left and right sides.

• Therefore using **images**, **key words**, and **colour** in mind maps, we are maximising our 'brain power', which **enhances** learning and creativity.
Rules of mind mapping

**Need:** coloured pens, blank unlined paper and your brain.

1. Turn your paper to landscape position
2. Draw a picture in the middle that represents your main idea.
3. Draw some thick lines coming from the middle picture, this is for each of the main ideas.
4. Draw pictures where possible.
5. From each of the thicker lines, draw thinner connected lines spreading out like the branches of a tree. These are for extra ideas.

All writing should be KEY words only
Words printed in CAPITAL letters

Each branch should have its own colour
Keep adding new ideas!!
Now it's your turn!!

**Task:**
Create a mind map to plan for Christmas.

Start the word **CHRISTMAS** in the middle.
CHRISTMAS

MUM

PRESENTS

SCARF

DAD

REAL TREE

LIGHTS TINSEL