



CIRCLE MAP

Defining in Context

The Circle Map is designed for:

- Defining a word or concept based on the context of the current investigation and study and prior knowledge about the concept
- Brainstorming ideas and thoughts about a topic



Constructing a Circle Map

The Circle Map is constructed with a small inside circle and a larger outside circle.

In the inner circle, use words, numbers, pictures, or any other sign or symbol to represent the object, person, or idea you are trying to understand and define.

In the larger outside circle, write or draw context information that gives definition to the idea or concept that is in the center.

If the Circle Map is used for brainstorming, write words or ideas in the outside circle that come to mind about the topic in the center.

The information in the inside and outside circles, generated together, form a Circle Map that shows the thinking process of defining or brainstorming something in a given context.

As the context for an idea changes, so may the information in the outside circle of the map.

