

1. PREDICT, ACTIVATE YOUR KNOWLEDGE, AND READ

1. Read the explanation below. Then, read the instruction about making a mind map.

EXPLANATION

Before you read a text, you can make a **prediction** about what the text is about. And you can think of what you already know about that topic. In that way, you **activate your background knowledge**. This can help you to understand a text better.

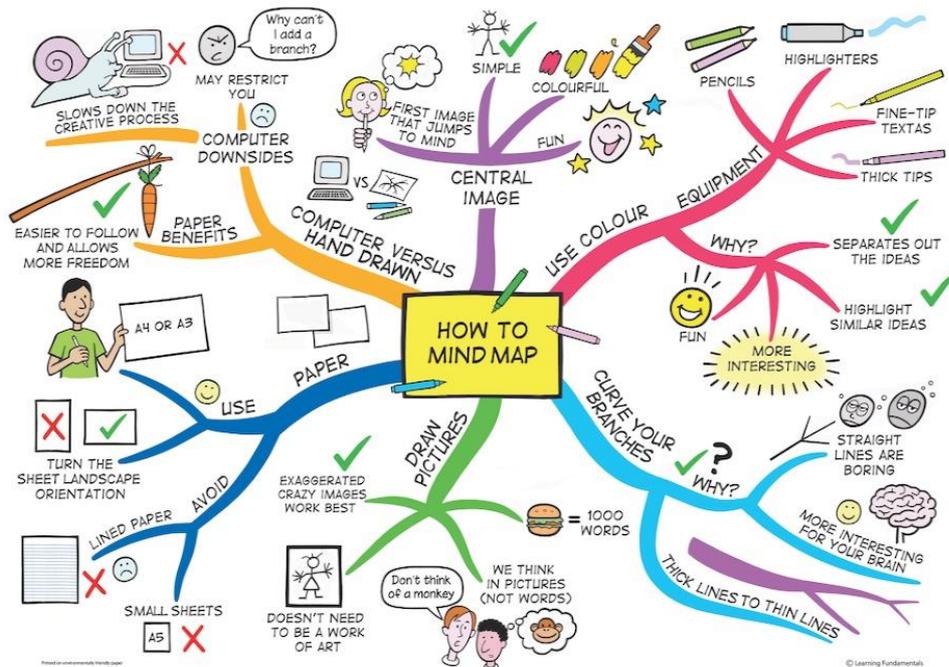
KEY VISUAL

A **mind map** is a kind of **word web** with **colours and drawings**.

A mind map gives you an overview of the text.

This is how you make a **mind map**:

- Use a blank sheet.
- Write the topic of the text in the middle of this sheet.
- Write the most important things about this topic down. Write them around the topic. Underline those words or sentences with different colours.
- Write next to each important word or sentence the information that you think is important. Underline these words and sentences with the same colour, but draw a thinner line.
- Draw pictures to make your mind map clearer.
- Use different colours.



2. Before reading the text **Happy Valentine's Day**:
 - Predict what the text is going to tell you about the topic.
 - Activate your background knowledge: what do you already know about Valentine's Day? Start making a mind map. Write down as many things as you can, together you know more!
3. Now, read the text in small groups. Use the Step-by-step Reading Guide, if you need it. Use the Word help if there is a word you don't understand.

2. COMPLETE THE MIND MAP

1. Complete the mind map about *Valentine's Day*. Add the information from the text in your mind map. Use a different colour pen.
2. Did you find new information in the text?

3. Was the information you knew correct?

4. Which information from the text was new to you? Give an example.



3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What other word for *prison* (line 13) do you see in the text? In which line?

2. Why is Valentine's Day celebrated on February 14th?

- A. This is the day Saint Valentine died.
- B. This is the day Saint Valentine fell in love.
- C. This is the day Saint Valentine was born.

3. Read the paragraph **How Valentine's Day grew** again. What other time of year do people also send a lot of cards?

4. What does the word *anonymously* (line 29) mean?

5. What is the difference between getting a *red* rose or getting a *pink* one (lines 27-28)?

6. What is true about Valentine's Day? Tick the two right boxes.

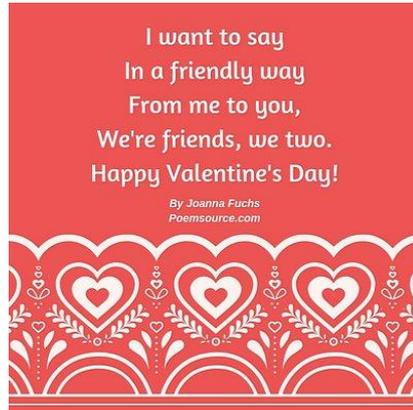
- Lots of chocolates are sold on Valentine's Day.
- Saint Valentine married people in secret.
- Tulips are the most popular flowers on Valentine's Day.
- You can only send things as a secret admirer.

7. What are your plans for Valentine's Day?

4. WRITE A POEM

Valentine's Day is the day people traditionally send a card to someone they like or love. On such a card you can write a poem.

For example:



Now, write a poem about someone special or about Valentine's Day. You may use the 'eleven' form. Read the explanation.

EXPLANATION

An **eleven** poem is a poem of eleven words. It has five lines.

It looks like this:

line 1: one word, for example:

line 2: two words

line 3: three words

line 4: four words

line 5: one special word to finish the poem

Oh

my darling

Please be mine

Stay with me forever

Valentine!



You can also choose your own poem form.
