Read the text about mind maps and then do the exercises to practice and improve your reading skills.

# Mind Maps

Mind maps are a great way of showing a picture of information that you need to learn. You can use mind maps for all kinds of learning. They work very well for vocabulary when you are learning a new language.

**1** Draw a circle in the middle of the page and write the vocabulary subject in the middle. For example:

*transport*

**2** Brainstorm some word groups for 'transport' and think of headings for each one. For example:

sea transport

land transport

air transport

For each one, draw a short line from the centre circle outwards. Add another circle and write the new group word in the middle.

**3** Look at each group and try to add more groups. For example, in 'land transport' there are two sub-groups:
• road
• rail

Draw two more lines, add two more circles and write the two new headings inside them.

**4** When you can't make any new groups, add a line for each word you know. Write the words along the lines or, if you have space, write them inside more circles.

sea transport

transport

land transport

air transport

road

rail — monorail

car

train

bike

motorbike

tram

**5** As you learn new vocabulary, add it to the mind map.

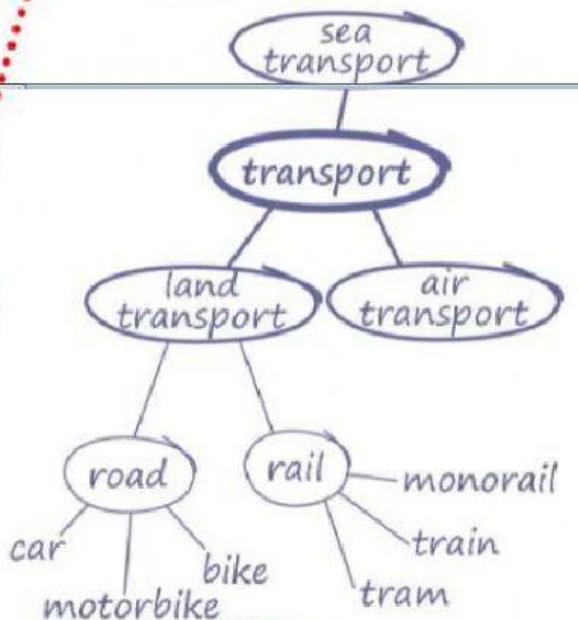**6** To make the mind maps even better, use colour to show important ideas or parts of the map.

Question 1: Are these sentences true or false?

1. A mind map is a picture of useful information

   True          False

2. Mind maps are only for learning languages.

   True          False

3. You start by drawing a circle.
   True          False

4. Mind maps are so easy you don't have to think.
   True          False

5. When you learn a new word, you should add it to your mind map.
   True          False

6. It is better to make a simple mind map, with no color.

   True          False

Question 2: Fill the gap with the correct word from the box.

learn          add          write          brainstorm          show          start

1. Mind maps                         information as a picture.

2. They can help you                         a new language.

3. You                         with a circle in the middle of the page.

4. You                         groups of words.

5. You _____ the words on lines or inside circles.

6. You can _____ more words to the mind map as you learn them.

Question 3: Put the instructions for making a mind map in order from 1 to 5.

Add new circles and write the group words "sea:, "road" and "air" in them.

Brainstorm some word groups "for transports". For example, "sea:, "road" and "air".

Write "transport" in the middle of the circle.

Add lines to the group words. For example, to the "road" group, add "car", "bus" and "bike".

Draw a circle in the middle of the page.