

## 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.

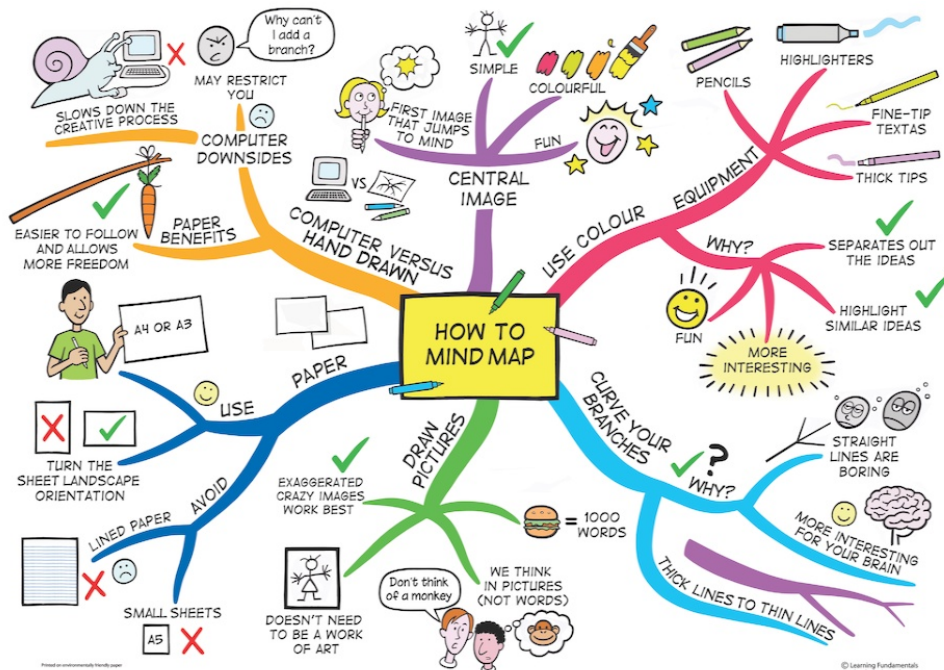
### KEY VISUAL

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?

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3. Was the information you knew correct?

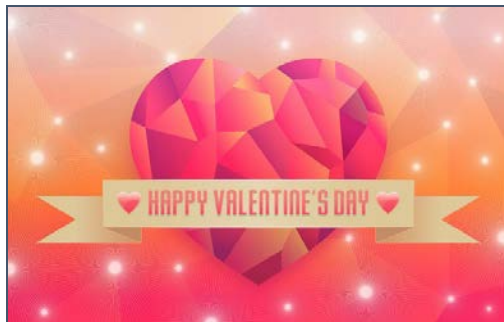
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4. Which information from the text was new to you? Give an example.

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## 3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

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

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2. Why is Valentine's Day celebrated on February 14<sup>th</sup>?

- 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?

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

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

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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?

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## 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.

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