In this study, we are asking you to use a tool called *Cognitive-Affective Map* to depict your thoughts, feelings and assessments regarding your attitude towards an emerging technology, which you will be informed about shortly. The following instructions will help you to understand how to use this tool.

Cognitive-Affective Maps

Example farmers' market:

Julia regularly shops at the farmers' market and has many different thoughts and impressions about farmers' markets versus alternative grocery stores.

Using the mind-mapping tool, Julia is able to draw the impressions and thoughts she has about "shopping at the farmers' market". She is also able to evaluate and link her written impressions with each other.









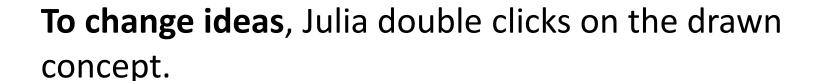


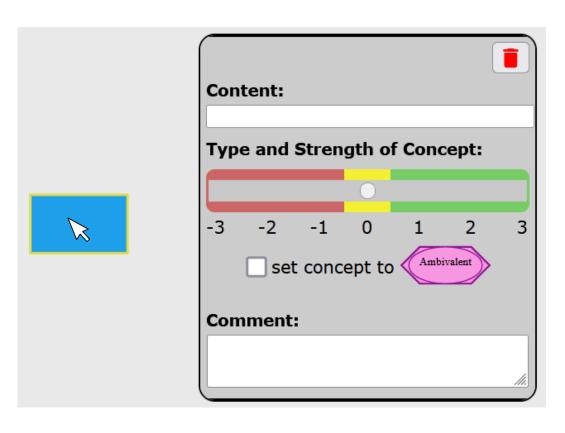
A yellow box will appear.

By clicking again on a free space on the white background, Julia can add more concepts.









A dialogue window pops up.

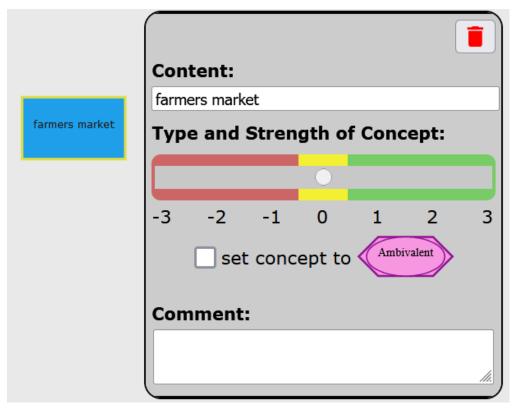
Here you can change the content,
type and strength of the concept
and add a comment.

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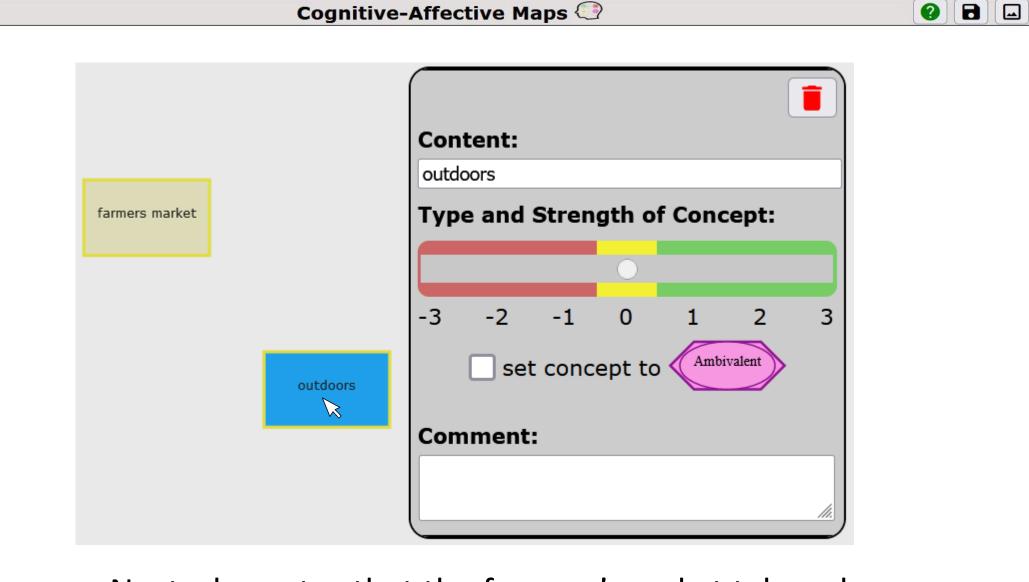




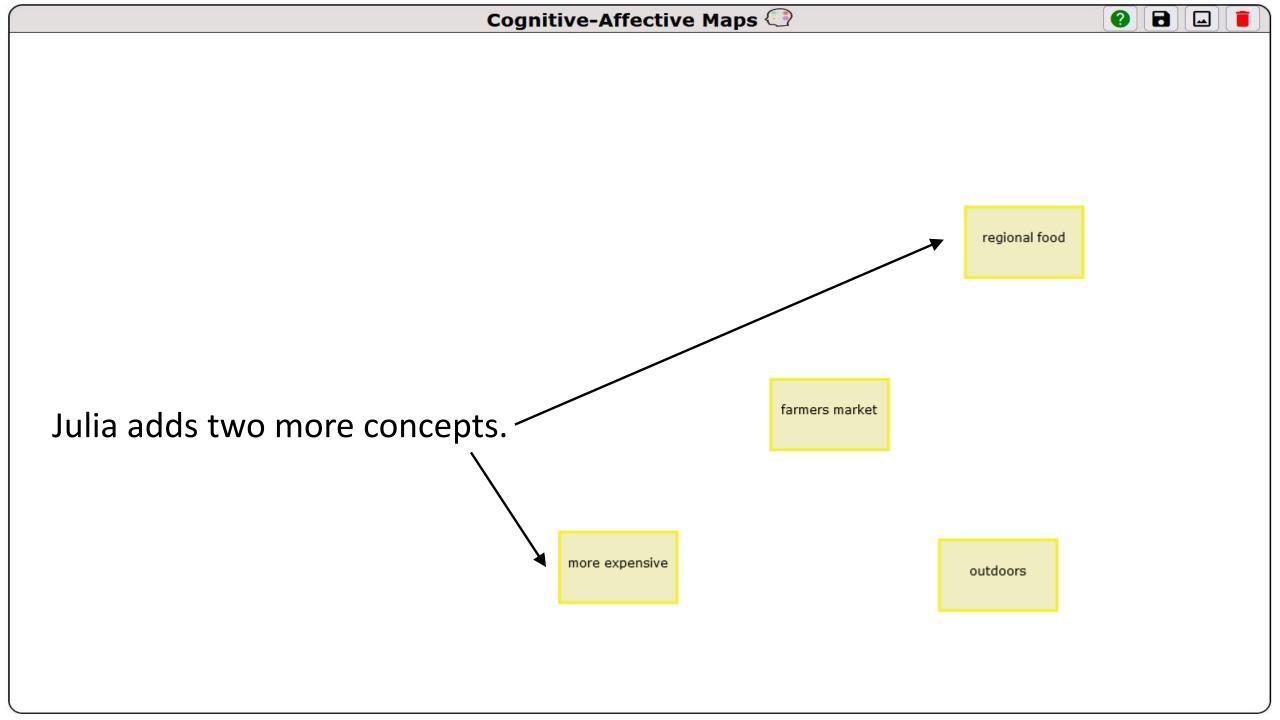
Julia changed the **content** of the concept to "farmers' market" by simply writing within the content field:



Julia can now include other concepts that are important to her decision to shop at the farmers' market.



Next, she notes that the farmers' market takes place outdoors







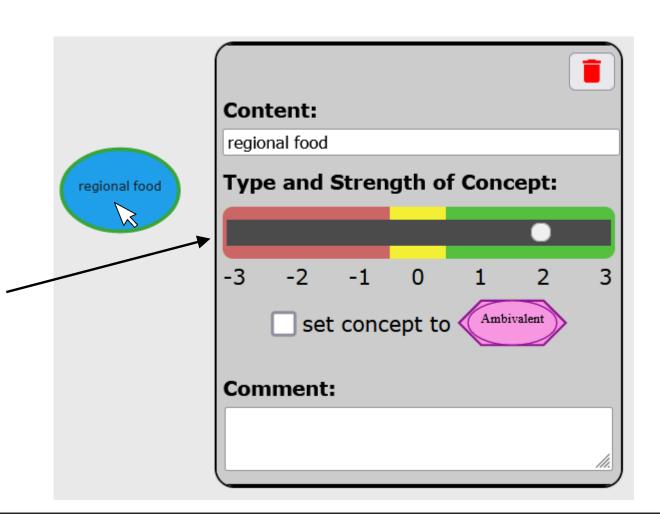
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Yellow squares represent concepts that are neutral.

farmers market

However, concepts can be positive, negative, neutral, or ambivalent.

Double-click a concept and using the slider to adjust the emotion towards the concept







Julia feels positive about "regional food".

Positive concepts are represented by green ovals.

The concept turns green when the slide bar is moved further to the right.



The slide bar offers three strengths for positive evaluation.

The thicker the border, the more positive the concept weighs!

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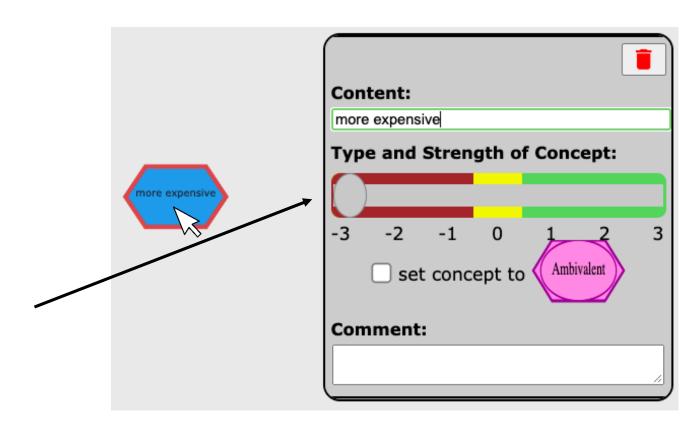




Julia does not like that the food is more expensive than at the supermarket.

Negative concepts are represented in the shape of a red hexagon. For negative concepts, the same logic applies as for the positive concepts.

Julia chooses "-3" to indicate that this point is very negative for her.







Julia feels negative about "more expensive".

Negative concepts are represented by red hexagons.

The concept turns more reddish when the slide bar is moved further to the left.



The slide bar offers three strengths for negative evaluation.

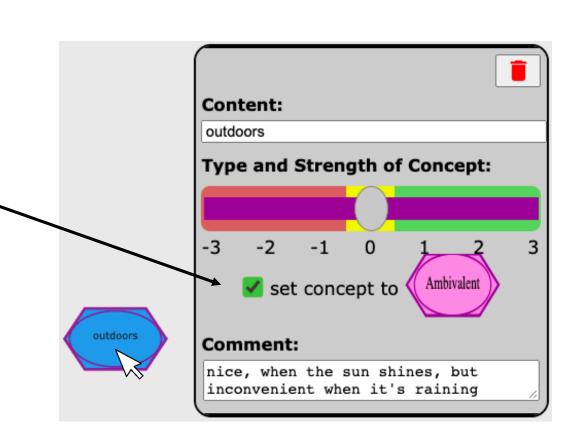
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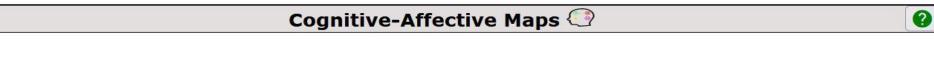




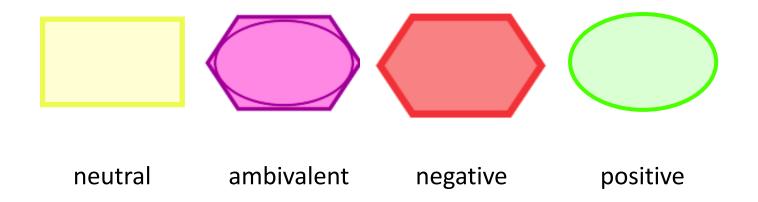
Julia is ambivalent about the fact that the farmers' market is "outdoors". Ambivalent indicates that Julia has mixed, meaning both positive and negative, feelings about it.

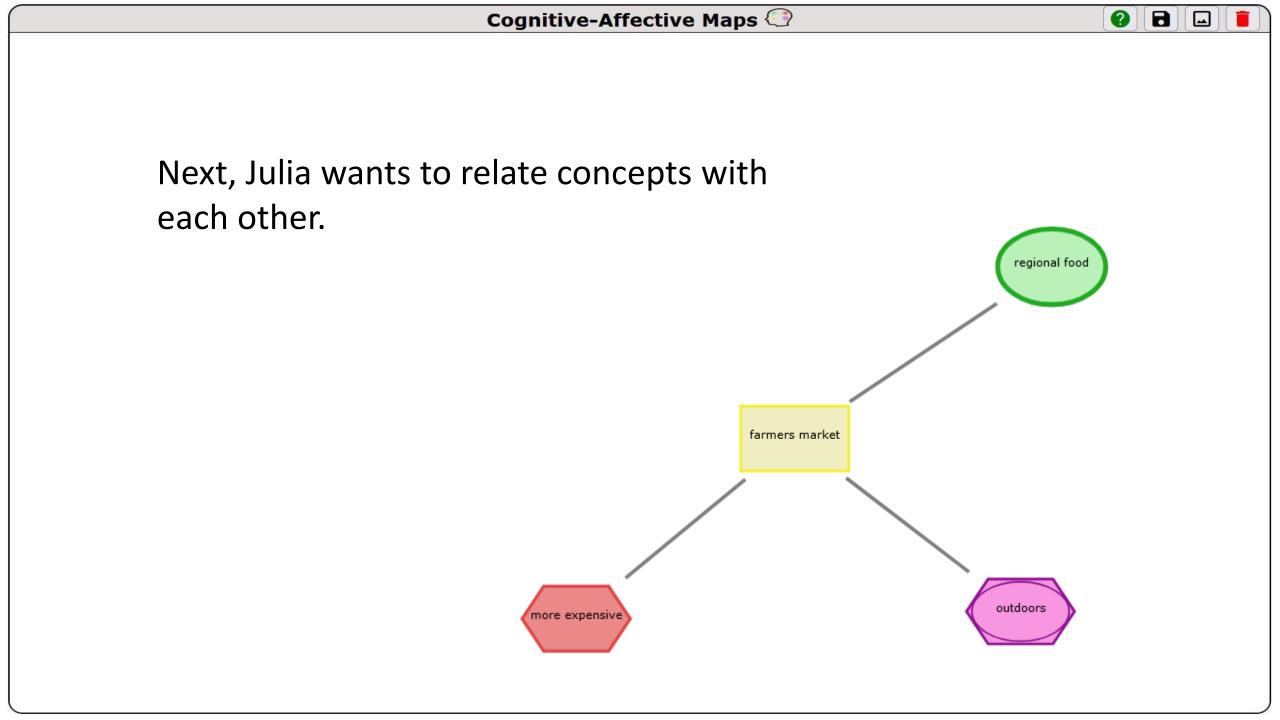
To indicate ambivalence, Julia clicks the box under the slider. Ambivalences are shown as superimposed violet ovals and hexagons.

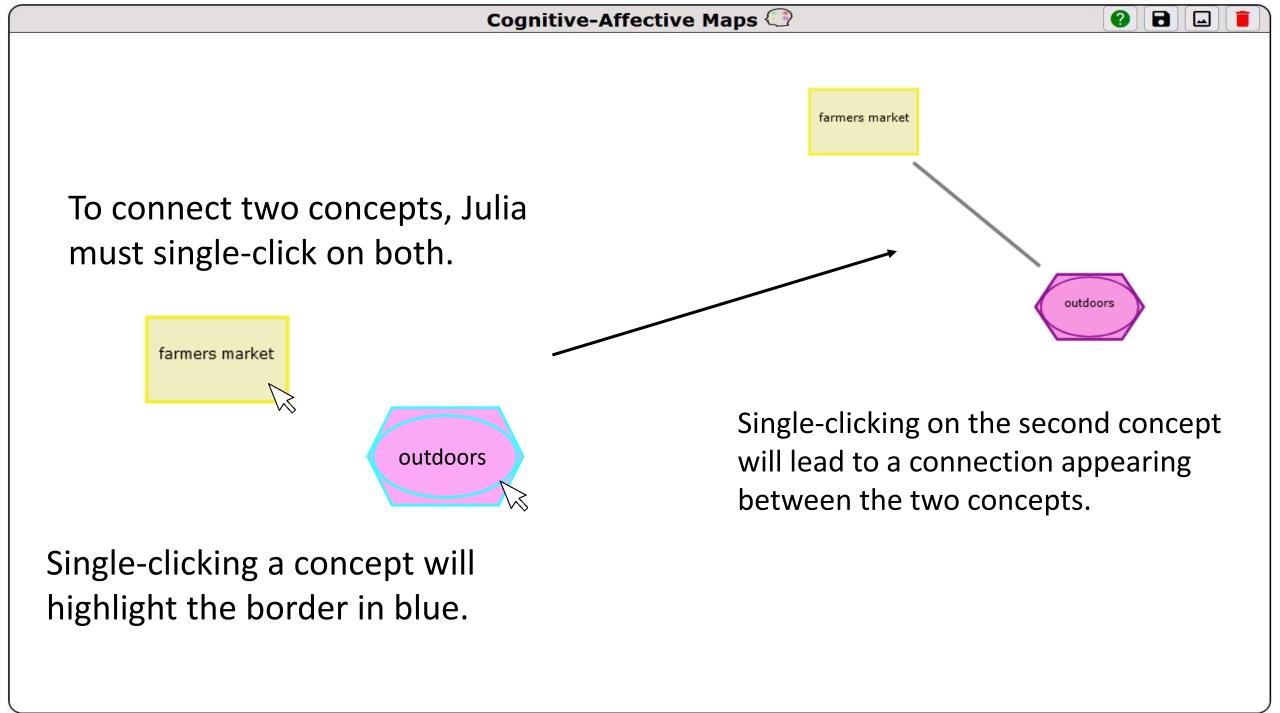


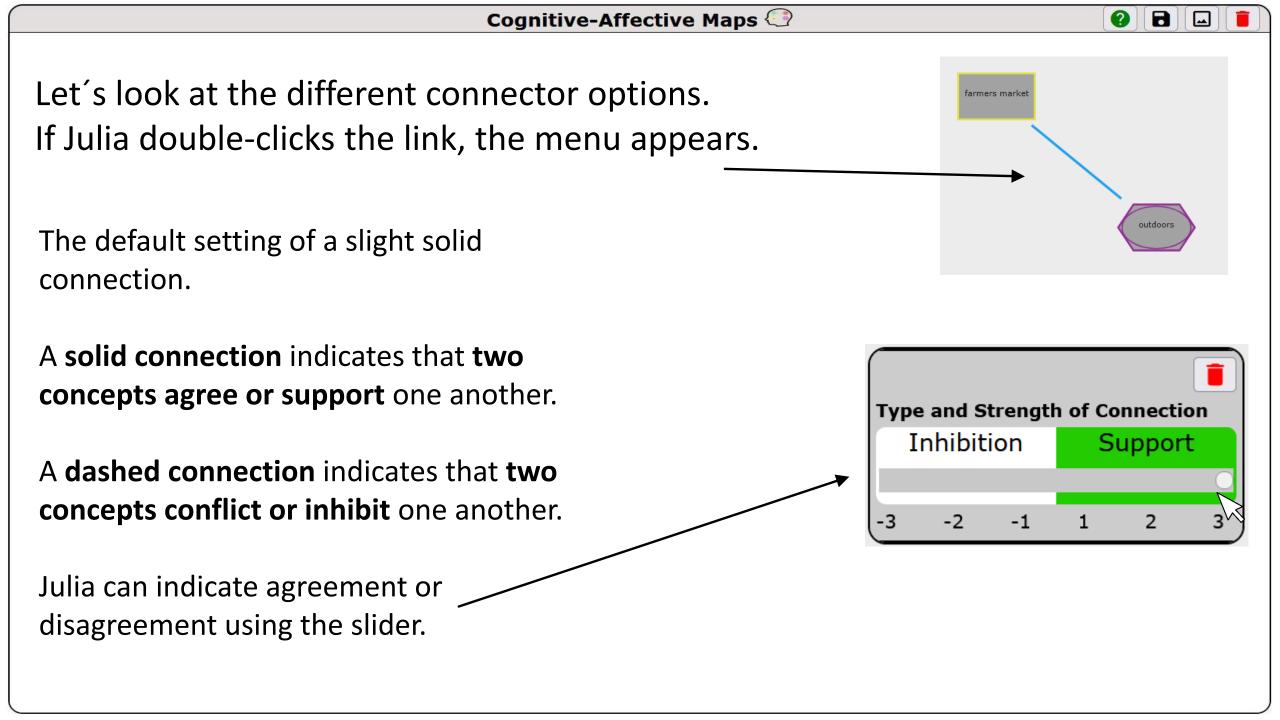


Below you can see all colors, shapes and their meanings. The thicker the border (for green and red), the more intense the feeling.







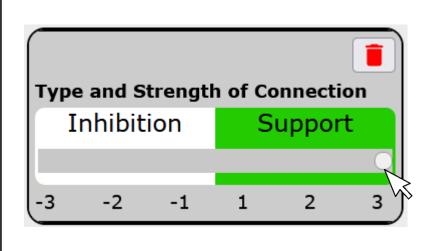


regional food

outdoors

farmers market

Based on the thickness of the lines, we can see that for Julia, the influence of "regional" food on the decision to go to the farmers' market is stronger than the influence of "outdoors"

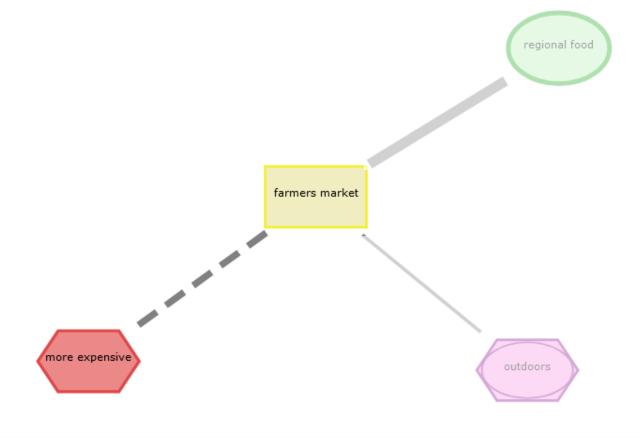


She moves the slider to the right

nore expensive

In comparison to the "regional" factor, "more expensive" food conflicts with "shopping at the farmers' market" and is represented by a **dashed connection**.

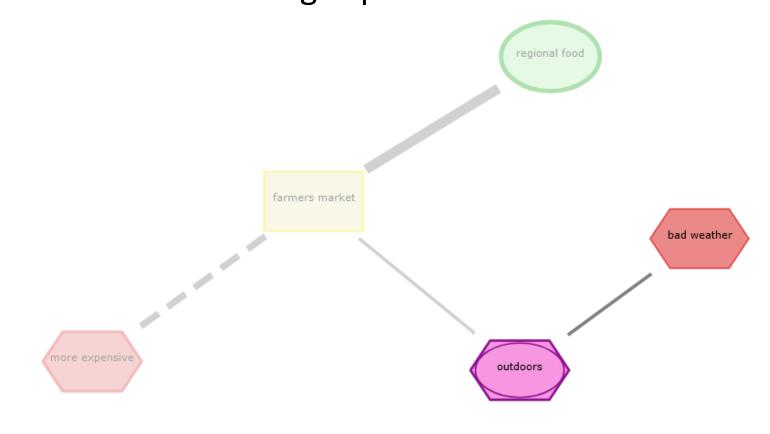
This means: The more expensive the food, the less likely Julia is to go shopping at the farmers' market.





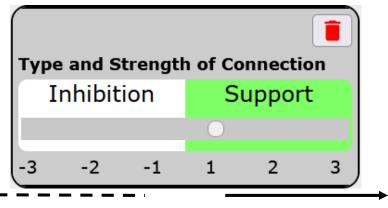


Note that the type of connection is independent of the type of concept. A negative concept can also be connected via a solid connection: This means, as the market takes place outdoors, there is the risk of being exposed to bad weather.









Ideas conflict with each other (inhibit)

Ideas agree with each other (support)

Examples:

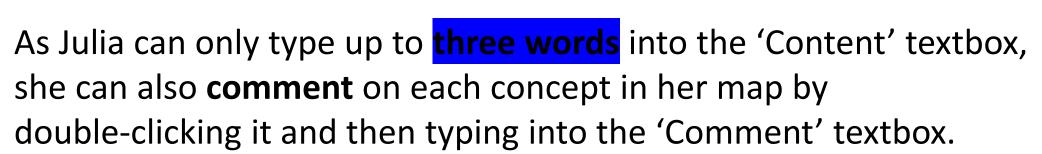
- If the weather is bad, I don't go to the farmers' market
- If "bad weather" then no "farmers' market"

Examples:

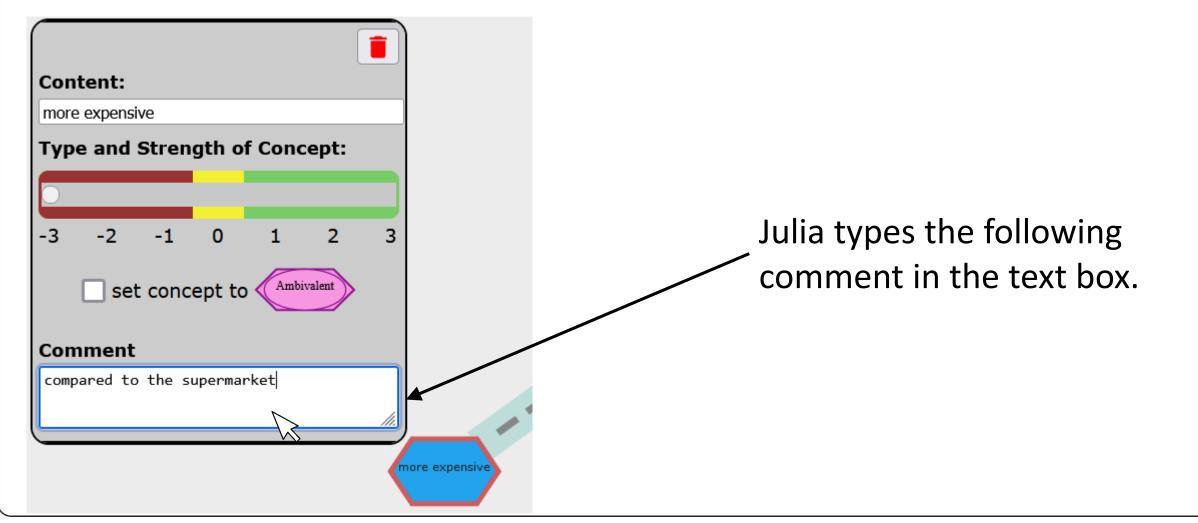
 When the weather is good I go to the farmers' market

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- If "good weather" then "farmers' market"



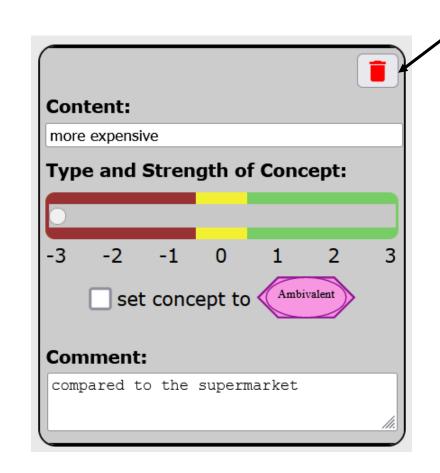
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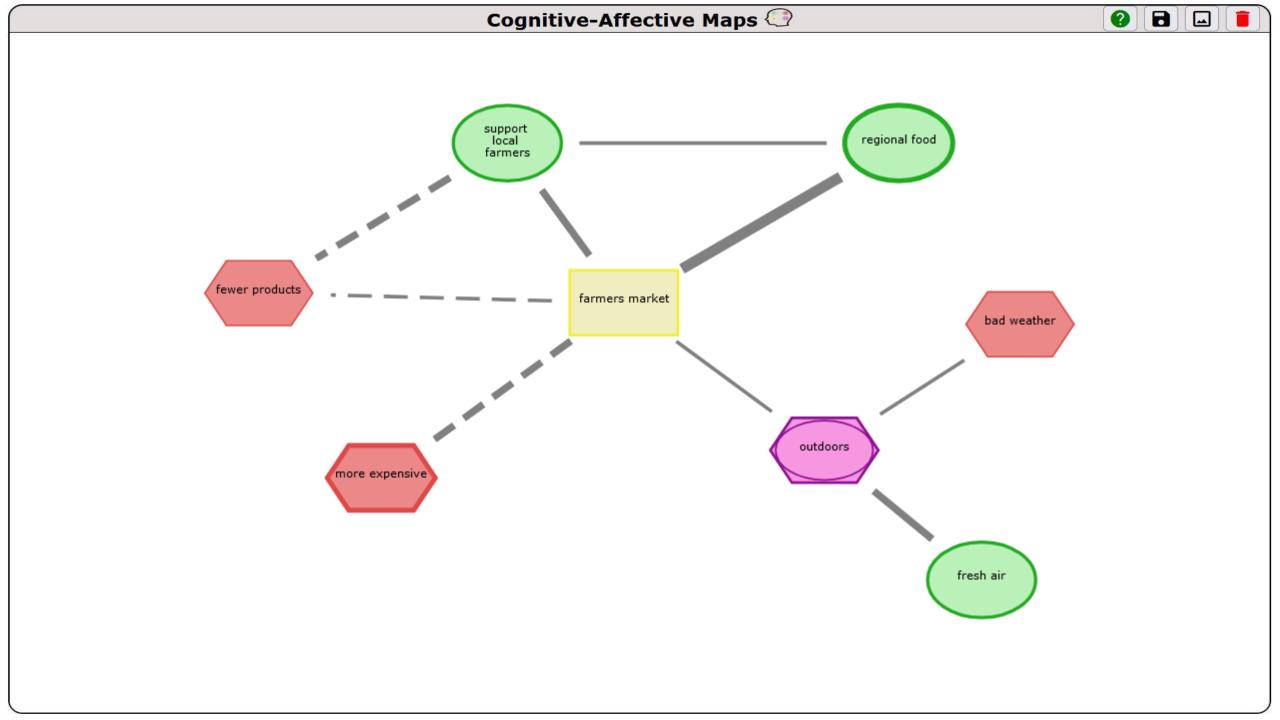






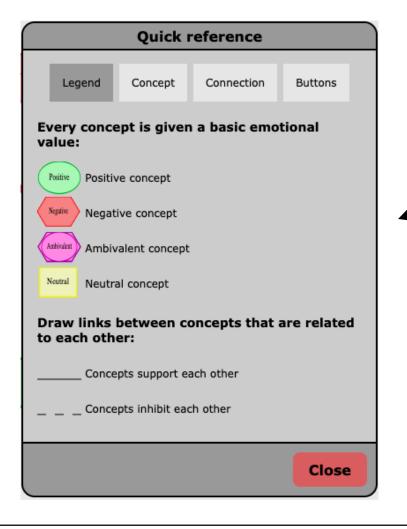
You can delete concepts and connectors by double-clicking them and clicking on the red trashcan-symbol.

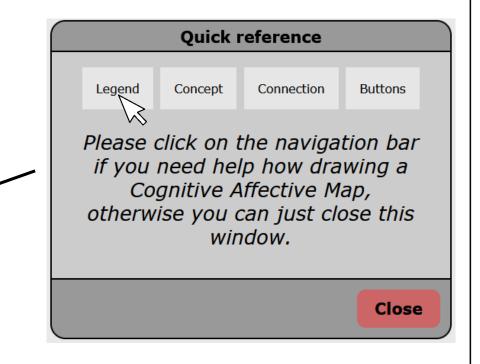
On the next page, you can see Julia's final map!



If Julia needs help to draw her Cognitive-Affective-Map, she can click on the green question mark symbol.

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A menu with quick references will appear, in which she can navigate by clicking on the topics she needs help for.

