

# Transforming brainstorming ideas into a writing web

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## Starting out with a T-chart

- The **purple text** in the T-chart becomes your **topic**, once you decide what you think. This goes in the center circle of the web.
- The **green text** gives **reasons** that support the topic. These go in the green circles.
- Your web is not complete—it needs details to support each reason.

### Comparing American Football to Soccer

American Football	Soccer
Requires protective gear such as helmets and pads	Minimum equipment is required
Teams must have at least eleven players	Teams may consist of any number
Cannot be played on a hard surface	Can be played anywhere



# Building a web from freewriting

- The purple text in the freewriting sample is the **topic**. This goes in the center circle of the web.
- The blue text is **background information**. This does not go in the web.
- The green text gives **reasons** that support the topic. These go in the green circles.
- The gray text gives **details** that support the reasons. These go in the gray circles. This web needs a few more details!

Soccer -- easier to play than American football

One of the earliest organized sports?

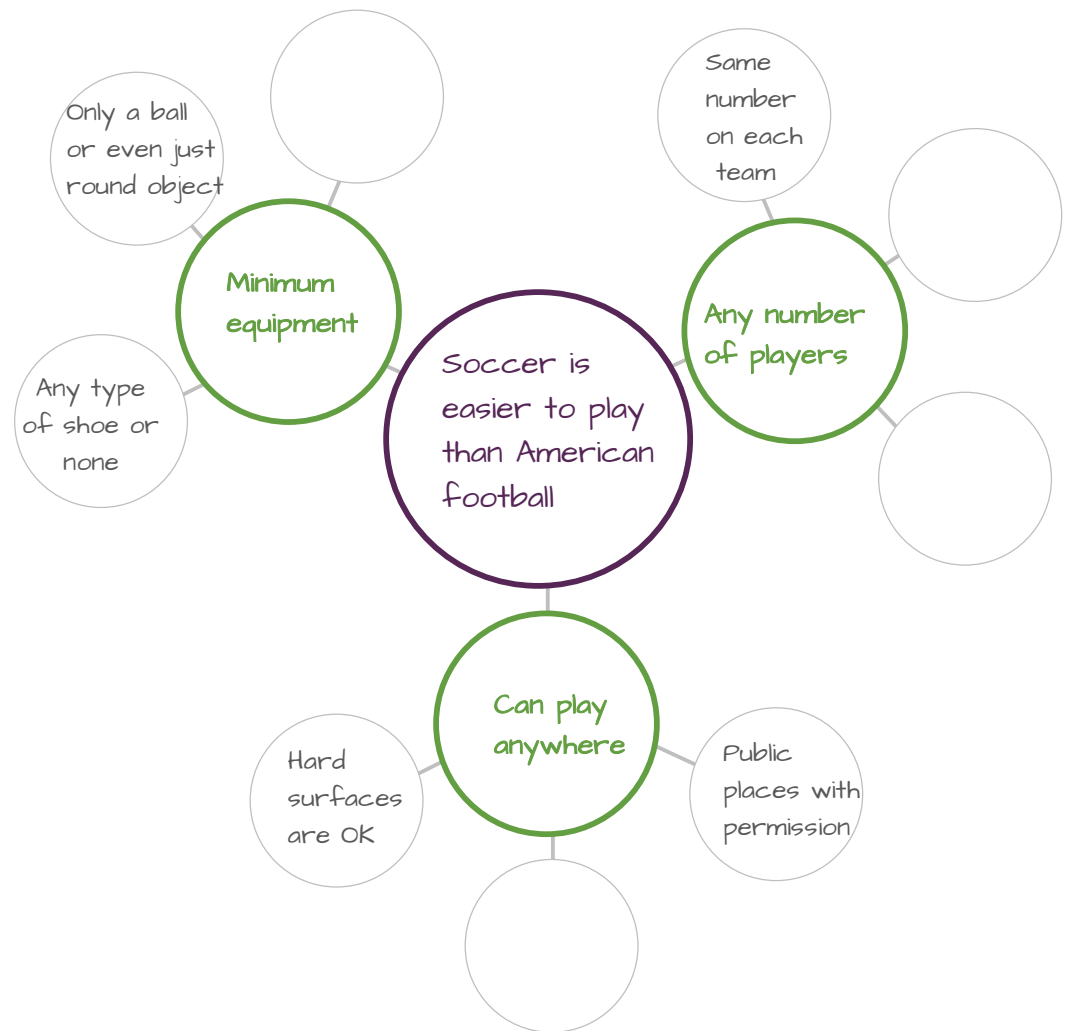
(Check this) Actually called "football" in most places. Requires little equipment - only a ball!

Or sometimes not a ball (coconuts) People wear cleats, sneakers, sandals-even bare feet.

Teams can have any number of people

- sides just need to be even. World cup! I

played soccer everywhere--street soccer as a kid - field in high school -now in a public park (permit)



# Using a conversation to build a web



You

So, Carlos, do you prefer American football or soccer?

There is no question in my mind. I prefer soccer, hands down.

Why is that?

When I was a kid, I was able to play soccer with my friends and neighbors. **We played outside in the street**, so we could play every day right after school.

I guess that is an advantage. You can play any time and with anyone.

Exactly! Another reason **is that it's inexpensive to play**. I was able to play soccer with just a pair of inexpensive cleats, and really, some people just wore their sneakers!

Sounds perfect!

And another thing... Everyone has such a busy schedule that not everyone can play every day. With soccer, there can be **any number of players on each team, as long as the teams are even**. If the teams are uneven, people can sub in!



Carlos

- If you agree with Carlos, **the purple text** becomes the **topic**. This goes in the center circle of the web.
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