

Mind Mapping

Mind maps are great visual representations of concepts or subjects that aid in teaching and student comprehension. Mind maps illustrate a main concept and several levels of its related subordinate ideas. Further, these mind maps illustrate the relationship between the main concept and the subordinate ideas, and may show the relative importance of individual ideas. Because of this, the size and detail of mind maps vary according to the complexity of the illustrated concept.

Mind maps can be simple hand drawings with 2 or 3 levels of detail, or can be developed with computer software for more intricate and/or creative maps.

Mind maps are useful for brainstorming thoughts, summarizing and synthesizing information, solving problems, presenting information, and studying or memorizing information. As such, you may find that you can develop different mind map versions for the same concept. Consider the purpose of your mind map, and keep it clear and concise for best results.

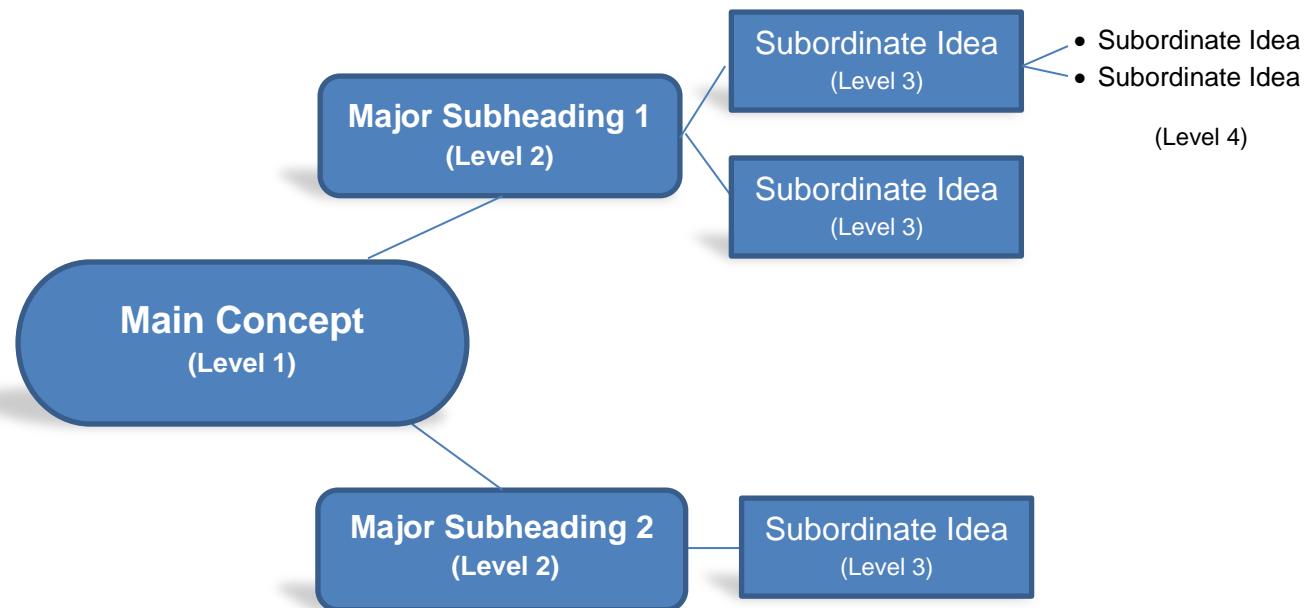
Directions:	Review the steps below for developing your own mind map.
Step 1:	Write the title of the subject or the main concept you are mapping in the center of a page. This constitutes the first level of your mind map.
Step 2:	Draw a line or shape from the main concept for each major subheading or subdivision of the main concept, and write one subheading per shape or line. This creates a second level in your mind map. Note: All mind maps should have at least two levels of detail.
Step 3:	Draw lines from the major subheadings for subordinate ideas. Ideas that branch out from your subheadings constitute a third level of detail.
Step 4:	Continue drawing lines from existing points, as necessary, until your concept is fully mapped. Tip: Consider adding a simple bulleted list after your third level to prevent your mind map from becoming confusing. Also, depending on the format of your mind map, you may be able to add notes to each element.

Review the sample mind map on the following page.

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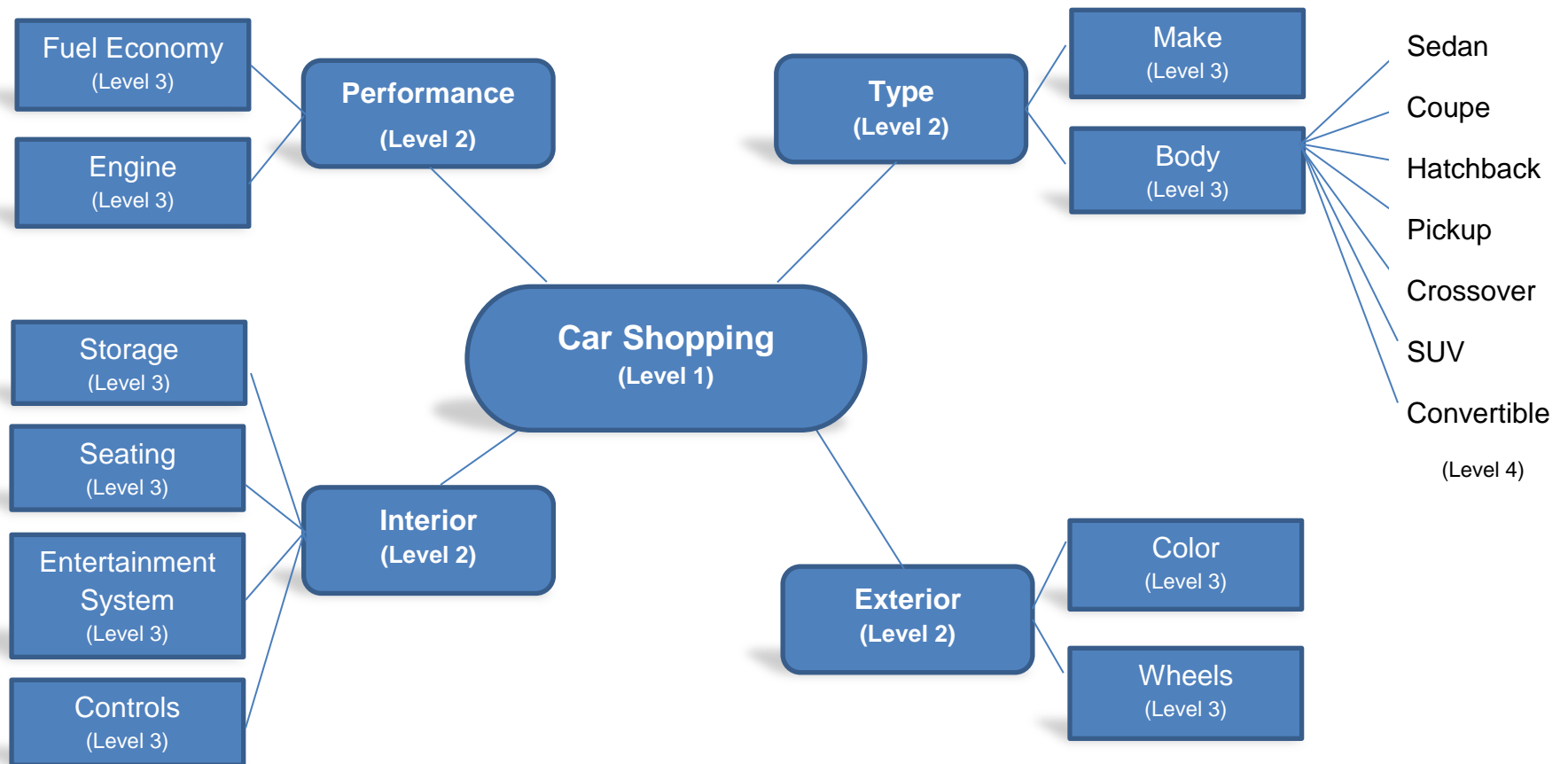
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