

# Graphic Organizer

A graphic organizer is a visual and graphic display that depicts the relationships between facts, terms, ideas within a learning task. There are many different forms of graphic organizers, each with its own unique way of organizing and displaying specific bits of information. Most of us grew up learning to use a chart or a table. (We still use them frequently as adults.)

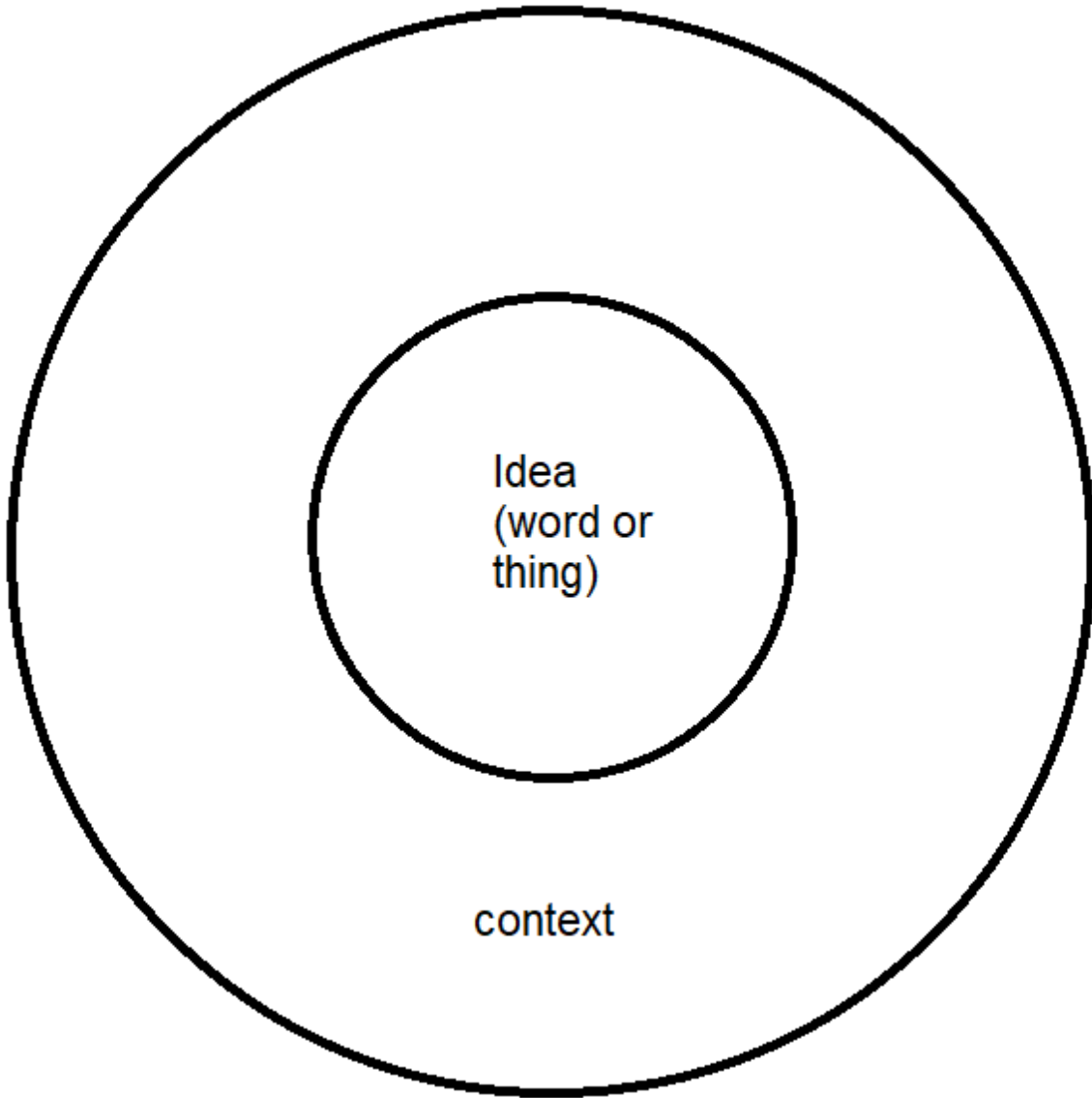
Charts or tables are types of graphic organizers that condense and organize data about multiple traits associated with items or topics. Chart can be used to show attributes of items, and to evaluate information.

Charts and tables are taught in our math skill program. It is important to help students understand and use charts. More importantly, encourage learners to create their own charts or tables. For our beginners, we are introducing 5 types of graphic organizers. They are found also in our Writing Skills, Math Skills and Literary development courses.

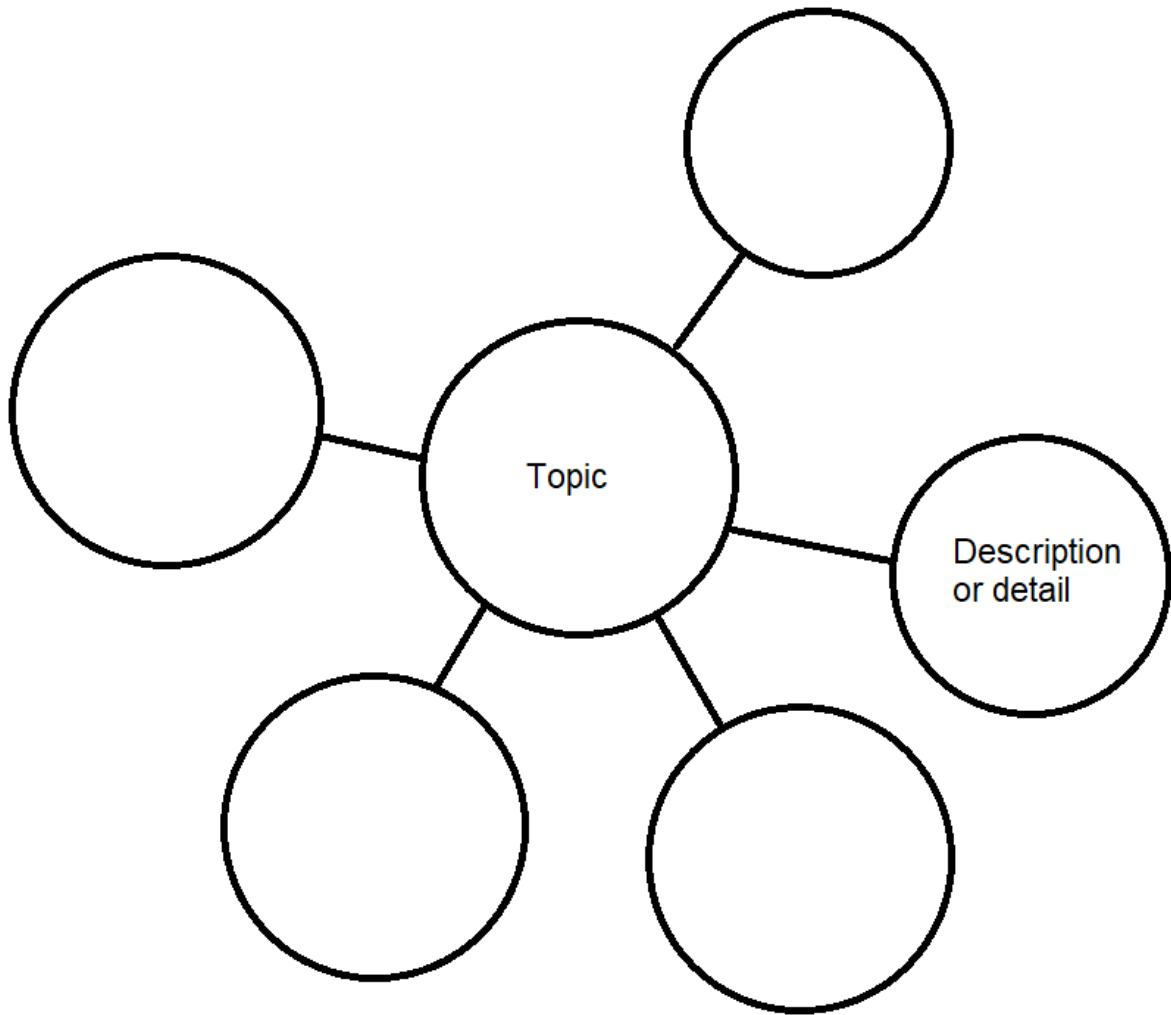
- Circle map
- T-chart or tree map
- Main idea Web / concept map
- Venn diagram
- sequence chart

The goal is to help students better organize their thoughts, develop reading strategies and become stronger writers. Graphic organizers correspond to our learner's fundamental thinking process. It promotes integrated thinking and interdisciplinary learning. The brain is a pattern seeker. The charts enable the brain to perceive the patterns that connect.

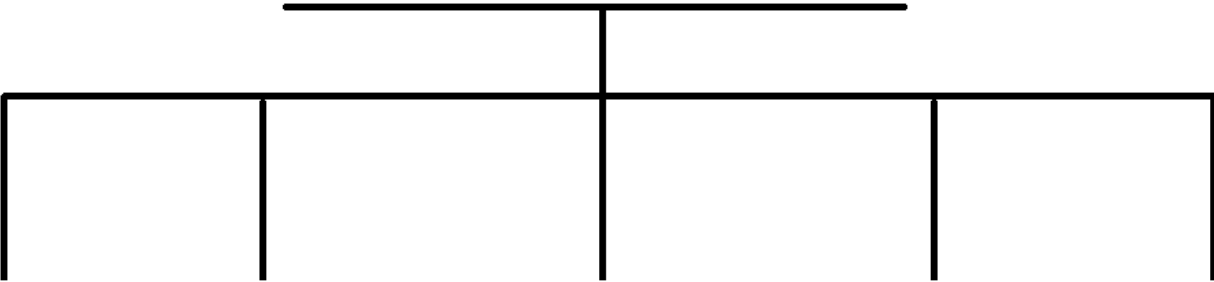
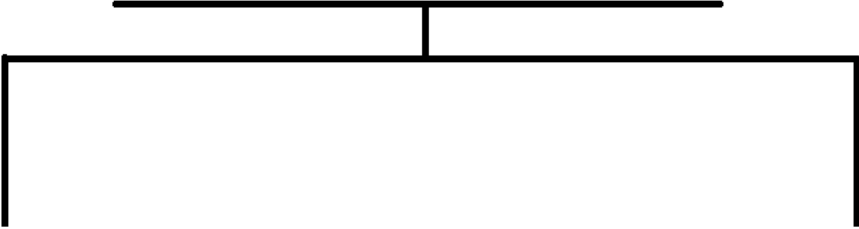
A circle map is used in defining the context of a certain idea. It is used for brain-storming ideas.



A Main Idea Web or Concept Map starts with a central idea and branches out into related ideas and details. This type of graphic organization is used primarily for brainstorming and generating ideas for writing purposes



A T-Map or Tree Map helps organize ideas into two or more columns and examines the two or more components of an object, concept and event.



A sequence chart of Flow chart presents a series of steps or events in order. It is a visual aid to help clarify a sequence of events in a story or to come to conclusion about different cause and effects (or problem and solution)



A Venn Diagram is used to compare and contrast two or more groups of things by visually displaying their similarities and differences in two (or more) circles that overlap. It serves to increase understanding of a relationship between two or more concepts.

