

## Concept Maps

You are likely familiar with mind maps. **Mind maps** place the central idea or concept in the centre and then organize related ideas around the central idea.

Concept maps are similar to mind maps. However, **concept maps** start from the top and flow downward from the central concept. Concept maps use linking words, such as verbs, to establish relationships. Mind maps do not use linking words.

## Effective Concept Maps

Review the following criteria for an effective concept map:

- contains accurate and important information
- offers insightful information about the relationships and hierarchical structure
- uses concise and expressive language
- is visually effective and easy to understand