Concept Maps

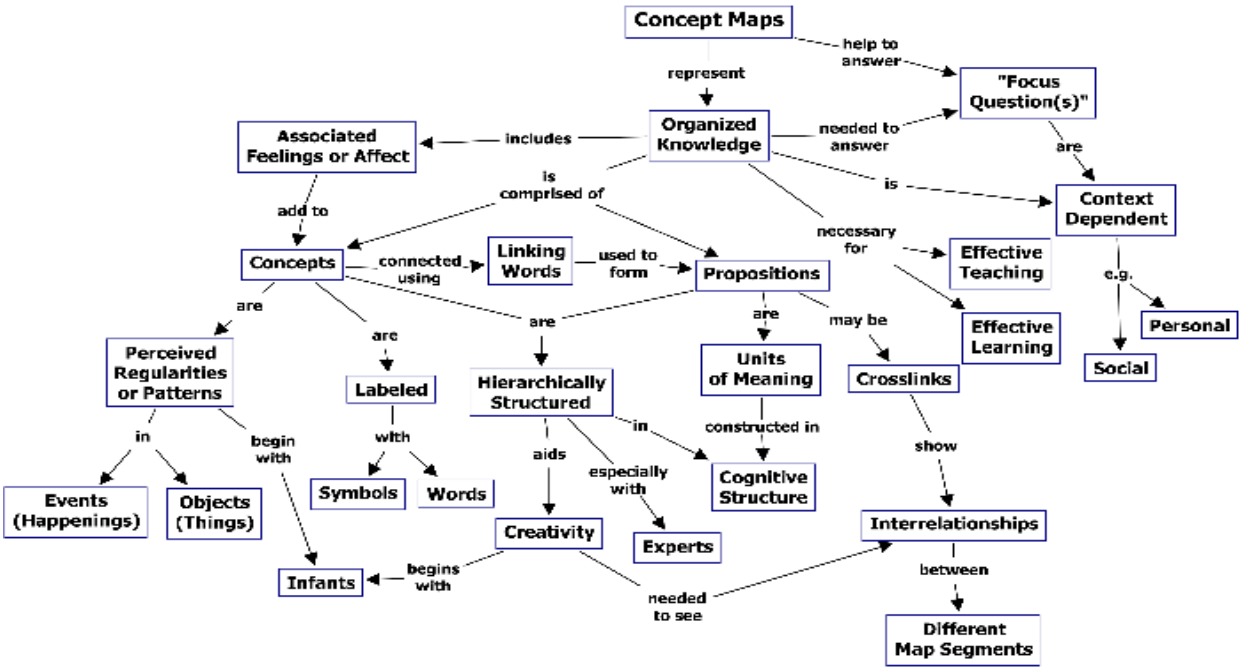
Concept maps are a top-down representation of concept which reflects your understanding of a topic.

Uses: clarify the relationships between different aspects of a topic, recording notes presenting ideas to others, organising ideas for an assignment, and studying for exams.

1. Name the concept at the top of the page.
2. Write down the aspects of the concept drawing lines to connect to the topic and other related aspects. Also write down words that describe the relationship.

Figure 1

Concept Map Example



Note. A concept map showing the key features of concept maps. From *The theory underlying concept maps and how to construct and use them*, by J. Novak and A. Cañas, 2006, Cmap (https://cmap.ihmc.us/docs/theory-of-concept-maps.php). Copyright 2020 IHMC.

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