Word Maps



A word map is a tool to deepen your understanding of new vocabulary and to clarify the meaning of a word in relation to a specific subject. By exploring the associations, similar meanings, opposite meanings, and the word family, you can strengthen your understanding of a word.

Figure 1A wordmap for the word sustainability



Using a Wordmap

- 1. Write the new word in the centre of the word map.
- List words that relate to the new word within each of the sections
- 3. Check your understanding of the new word as it relates to your course
- 4. Write a definition in your own glossary or course notes.

Reference

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| Associations | Opposite Meaning |
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| Similar meanings | Word families |