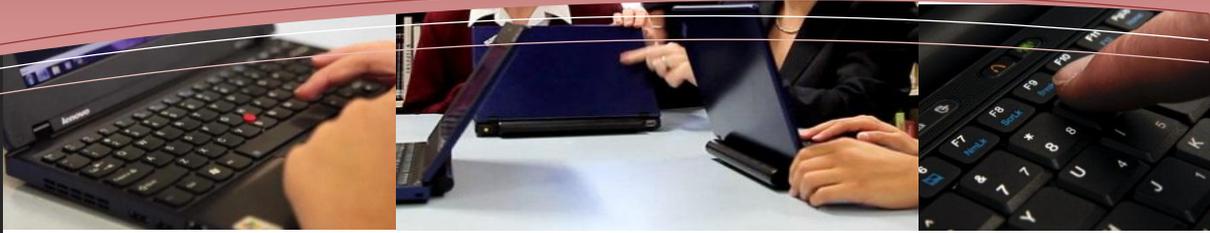


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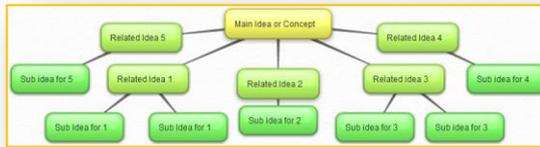
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Creating a mindmap using **bubbl.us**

What is 'Bubbl.us'?

'Bubbl.us' is a web-based application designed to easily create mindmaps based around one or more central ideas or concepts. You can create collaborative mindmaps with friends or share your own mindmaps via email through a link or as an attached file. You can also embed your mindmaps into your website, blog or moodle. 'Bubbl.us' is unblocked for all students K-12.

What does a 'Bubbl.us mindmap look like?'



Above: An example of a mindmap created in 'Bubbl.us'

Where can I find 'Bubbl.us'?

'Bubbl.us' is located at the following URL: <https://bubbl.us/>

What does Bubbl.us cost?

Nothing. You can create a Bubbl.us account for free.

Do I need a Bubbl.us account?

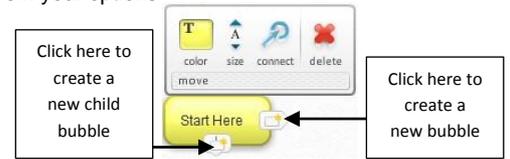
No - you can try Bubbl.us without creating an account by clicking on the 'Start Brainstorming' button on the home page, but if you create an account you will have access to more of the program's options. Click on 'Create Account' in the panel at the right of the home page and complete your details to create your free Bubbl.us account.

How does Bubbl.us work?

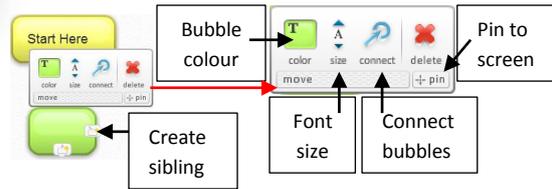
Once you login to Bubbl.us it will open a 'New Sheet' tab with a 'Start Here' bubble in the centre of your new sheet.

To create your first mindmap:

- 1) Click on the 'Start Here' bubble to type in the label for your main idea or concept
- 2) Hold your mouse over the bubble to reveal and select from your options



- 3) Continue to build your mindmap by adding child or sibling bubbles (a 'sibling' is another bubble under the same 'parent') and clicking on them to label them
- 4) Remember to hold your mouse over a bubble to access the bubble formatting options (shown below)



How do I share my Bubbl.us mindmap?

Save your Bubbl.us mindmap and then choose from the following 'Sharing' options:



You can also click on the drop down arrow next to the 'Sharing' button to get an embed code or a link.

How can I integrate Bubbl.us into my teaching program?

There are endless opportunities for the relevant integration of Bubbl.us into your teaching program, particularly where students are required to brainstorm ideas around a topic or organise information. Here are three ideas that you might like to try using Bubbl.us for in your classroom:

1. **Topic brainstorming**
Students use Bubbl.us to brainstorm and link ideas related to a central topic or theme.
2. **Essay mindmapping**
Students create a structured mindmap to assist them with organising information for an essay or extended response.
3. **Demonstrating relationships**
Students create a sociogram outlining the relationships between/among characters in a text they are studying.