

Name _____

Mind Map: From the Spoken Word to the Written Word

A mind map is a tool that can help us to think about, brainstorm, and organize ideas.

Take a few minutes to remember experiences from your own life or from stories you have heard related to the four topics indicated on the mind map: family, friends, school, and sports. For example, for “family,” you might think about a recent family vacation or a story you have been told about a great-grandparent whom you have never met. For “sports,” you might think about a great volleyball game you played last season or an exciting NBA finals game that you enjoyed watching on TV with your friends.

If possible, try to think of two concrete stories related to each of the four topics.

As you brainstorm about stories related to a particular topic, write supporting details on the lines provided that connect to that topic. Draw additional lines if necessary as you write in more supporting details. For example:

- You might write **facts** about what happened: Where did you go for your family vacation?
- You might write your **feelings**: When you hear about your great-grandmother’s journey to this country as an immigrant, how do you feel?
- You might write about what this story or experience **means to you**: What did you learn from playing volleyball well and fairly, even though your team did not ultimately win the game?

You don’t need to write in complete sentences. Just use key words and phrases that will help you remember and tell the story.



