

# Graphic Organizers

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**What is it?** A graphic organizer is a visual display that demonstrates relationships between facts, concepts or ideas. A graphic organizer guides the learner's thinking as they fill in and build upon a visual map or diagram. Webs, concept maps, mind maps and plots are some of the different types of graphic organizers.

## What types of Students might benefit?

- Students who benefit from visual supports.
- English Language Learners
- Students that struggle with organization

## How Does it Help?

- provides structure to the writing
- helps students visualize abstract concepts
- helps learners organize ideas
- provides a visual format for study

## Commercial Programs:

Inspiration – <http://www.inspiration.com/>

Kidspiration - <http://www.inspiration.com/Kidspiration>

Webspiration - <http://www.mywebspiration.com/>

## Websites with Free Downloadable Graphic Organizers:

- <http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/>
- [http://edhelper.com/teachers/graphic\\_organizers.htm](http://edhelper.com/teachers/graphic_organizers.htm)
- [http://www.educationoasis.com/curriculum/graphic\\_organizers.htm](http://www.educationoasis.com/curriculum/graphic_organizers.htm)

## *See a Variety of Graphic Organizers with Explanations for their Use.*

- [www.state.nj.us/education/frameworks/worldlanguages/appende.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/education/frameworks/worldlanguages/appende.pdf)