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Digital graphic organizers—Intermediate

Let's discuss

A Read the text and answer the questions.

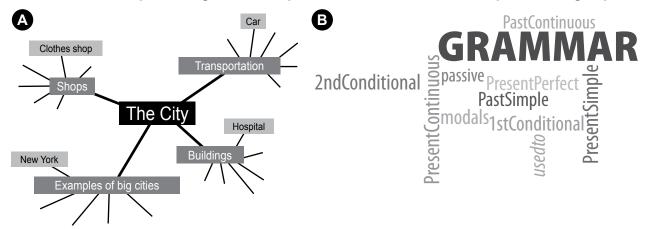
A **digital graphic organizer** is a visual way to represent ideas and concept with the help of a website where you can share your results online. Instead of traditional note-taking, information is displayed down around key words, images or concepts. Mind maps are a common type of graphic organizer.

Word clouds are also very useful to work with vocabulary and to brainstorm ideas. They are fun to make and can easily be used as an effective studying tool for remembering ideas, concepts and vocabulary.

- 1. Think about how you study. Have you ever made outlines and diagrams to help you remember what you have learnt? If so, how does this technique help you?
- 2. How does a mind map differ from a word cloud?

Let's analyse

B Look at an example of a digital mind map and a word cloud. Answer the questions in groups.



- 1. In example A, what is the mind map about?
- 2. Which word is placed in the centre? What do the surrounding words represent?
- 3. Can you add a few words to each branch of this mind map? Compare your ideas in small groups.
- 4. In example B, what is the main topic in the word cloud?
- 5. What do the other word groups represent?
- 6. How could using a word cloud help you to study?



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Let's do it!

- **Step 1** Go online and search for a digital mind mapping tool (if you prefer, you can make a digital word cloud of the same concept).
- **Step 2** Create a mind map of a grammar point or vocabulary area that you have studied or learnt about recently. Go from the general concept to the specific ideas.
- Step 3 Add any images that will help you to remember or visualize the information.
- Step 4 Once you have finished, share the link to your digital graphic organizer with your teacher and classmates.

