

Mind Mapping

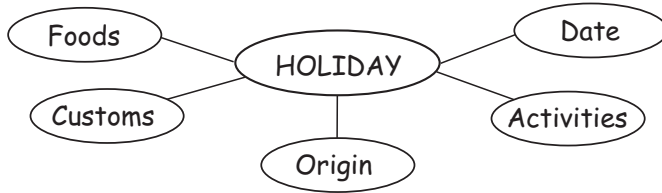
Aim: Help Ss generate ideas and plan their compositions.

Levels: 1, 2, and 3

Preparation: None

Comment: Use with Writings or Word Powers.

- Write the composition theme (e.g., holidays) in a large circle on the board. Then elicit topics related to the theme and write them in smaller circles around the theme. For example:



- Elicit words or phrases related to each topic. Write them in circles around the topics.
- Explain the task. Ss choose three topics to write about. They number them in the order they want to write about them.
- Brainstorm possible opening and closing sentences for the compositions.
- Ss write their compositions, using an opening sentence, three topics, and a conclusion.

Variation for Word Powers: Use the first two steps of this technique to review, categorize, and expand on vocabulary from Word Powers.