Use a Mind Map, Save a Tree;

Use Mind Maps, Save a Forest!

Unlock your Creativity, boost your Memory and Change your Life!

Tony Buzan

What is a Mind Map? A Mind Map is a powerful graphic technique which provides a universal key to unlock the potential of the brain. It harnesses the full range of cortical skills - word, image, number, logic, rhythm, colour and spatial awareness - in a single, uniquely powerful manner. In so doing, it gives you the freedom to roam the infinite expanses of your brain. The Mind Map can be applied to every aspect of life where improved learning and clearer thinking will enhance human performance.

What do you need to make a Mind Map? Because Mind Maps are so easy to do and so natural, the ingredients for your "Mind Map Recipe" are very few:

- Blank unlined paper
- Coloured pens and pencils
- Your Brain
- Your imagination!

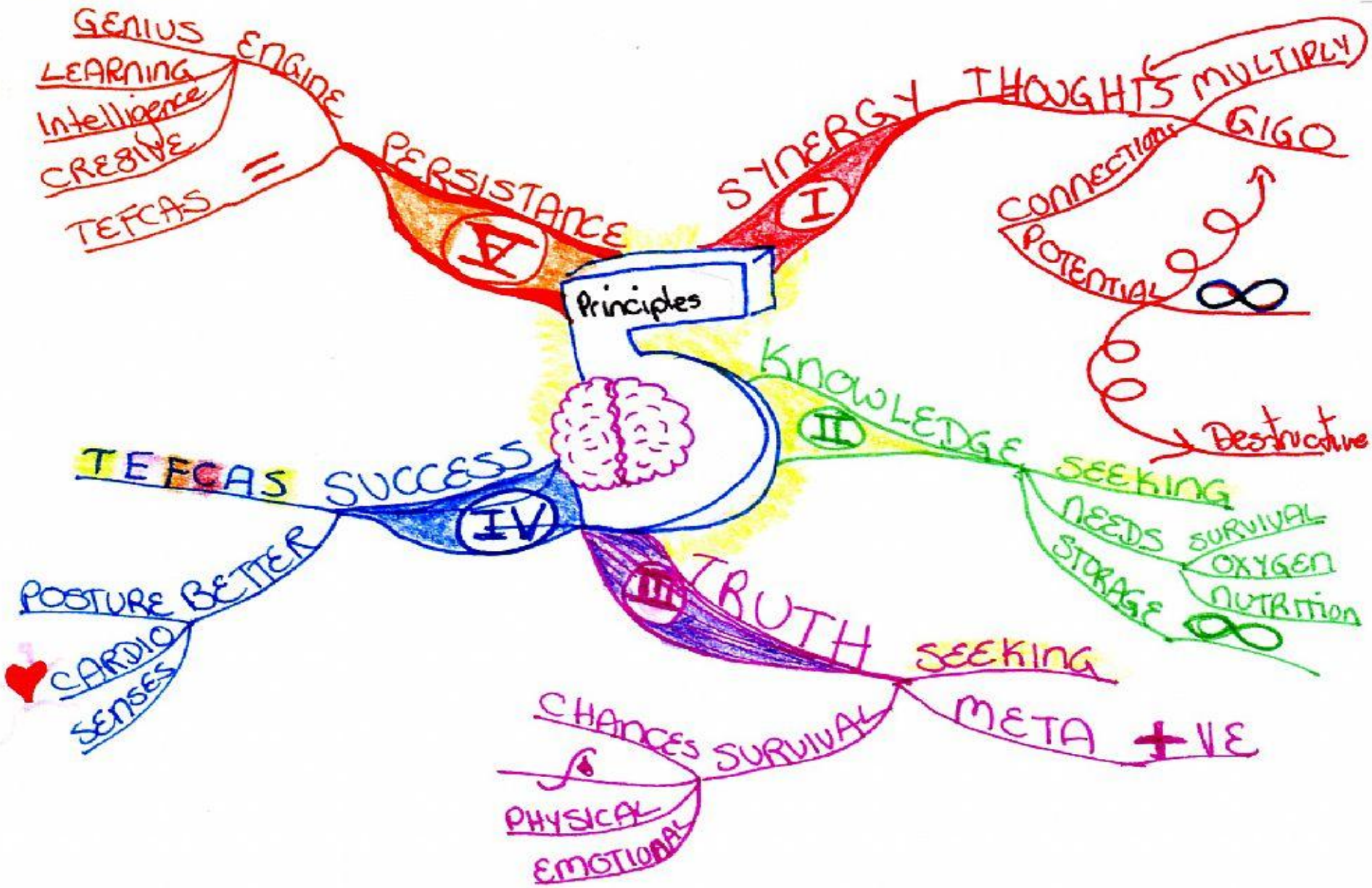
When you use Mind Maps on a daily basis, you will find that your life becomes more productive, fulfilled, and successful on every level. There are no limits to the number of thoughts, ideas and connections that your brain can make, which means that there are no limits to the different ways you can use Mind Maps to help you.

7 Steps to Making a Mind Map

1. Start in the CENTRE of a blank page turned sideways. Why? **Because starting in the centre gives your Brain freedom to spread out in all directions and to express itself more freely and naturally.**
2. Use an IMAGE or PICTURE for your central idea. Why? **Because an image *is* worth a thousand words and helps you use your Imagination. A central image is more interesting, keeps you focussed, helps you concentrate, and gives your Brain more of a buzz!**
3. Use COLOURS throughout. Why? **Because colours are as exciting to your Brain as are images. Colour adds extra vibrancy and life to your Mind Map, adds tremendous energy to your Creative Thinking, and is fun!**
4. CONNECT your MAIN BRANCHES to the central image and connect your second- and third-level branches to the first and second levels, etc. Why? **Because your Brain works by *association.* It likes to link two (or three, or four) things together. If you connect the branches, you will understand and remember a lot more easily.**
5. Make your branches CURVED rather than straight-lined. Why? **Because having nothing but straight lines is *boring* to your Brain.**
6. Use ONE KEY WORD PER LINE. Why **Because single key words give your Mind Map more power and flexibility.**
7. Use IMAGES throughout. Why **Because each image, like the central image, is also worth a thousand words.** So if you have only 10 images in your Mind Map, it's already the equal of 10,000 words of notes!

Originated in the late 1960s by Tony Buzan Mind Maps are now used by millions of people around the world - from the very young to the very old - whenever they wish to use their minds more effectively. Mind Map Gallery

Below are some 'Best Practice' examples of Mind Maps from around the world. *If you would like to submit your own Mind Map to this gallery, please send an email to* ***contactbuzan@buzanworld.com***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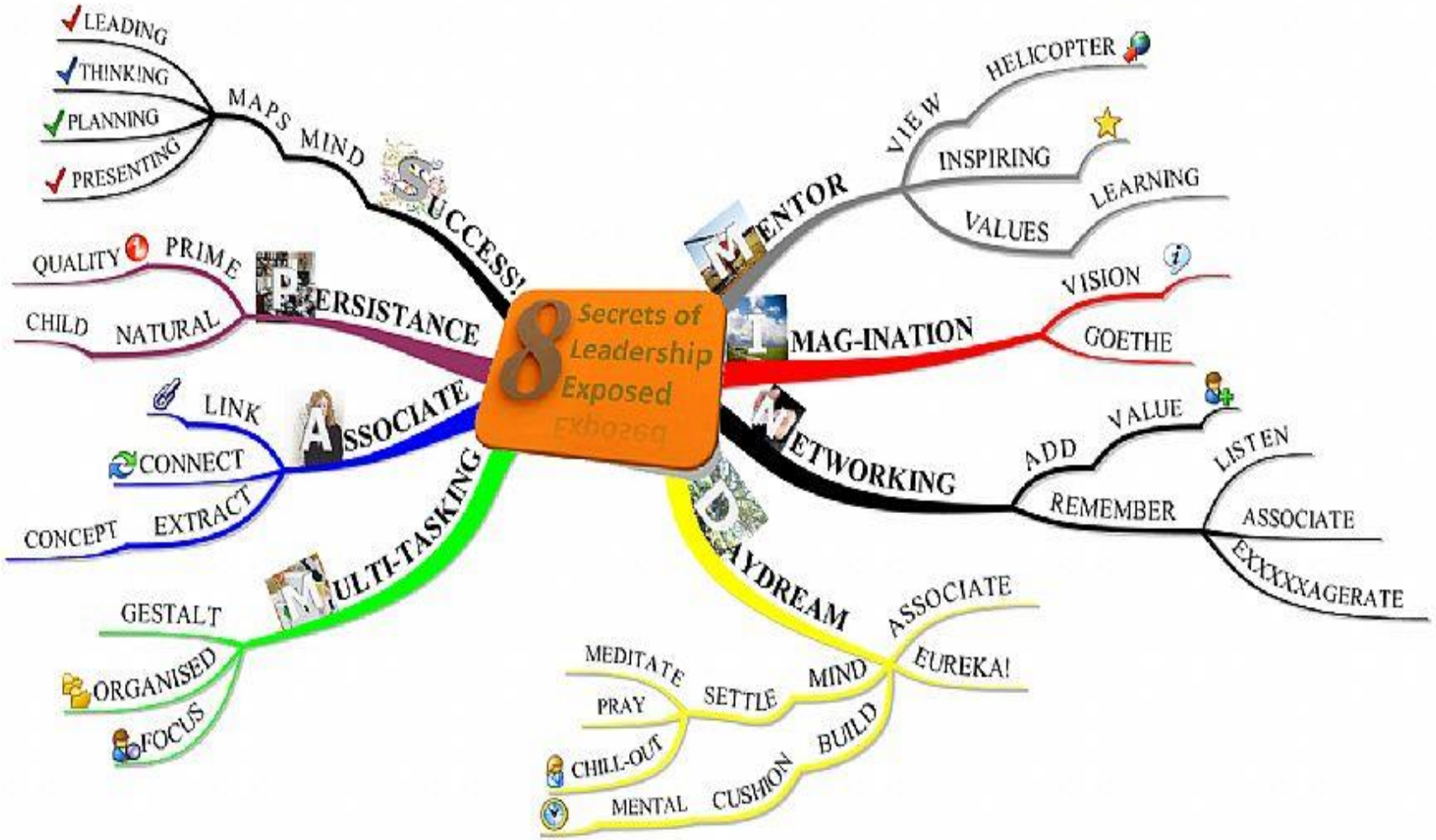
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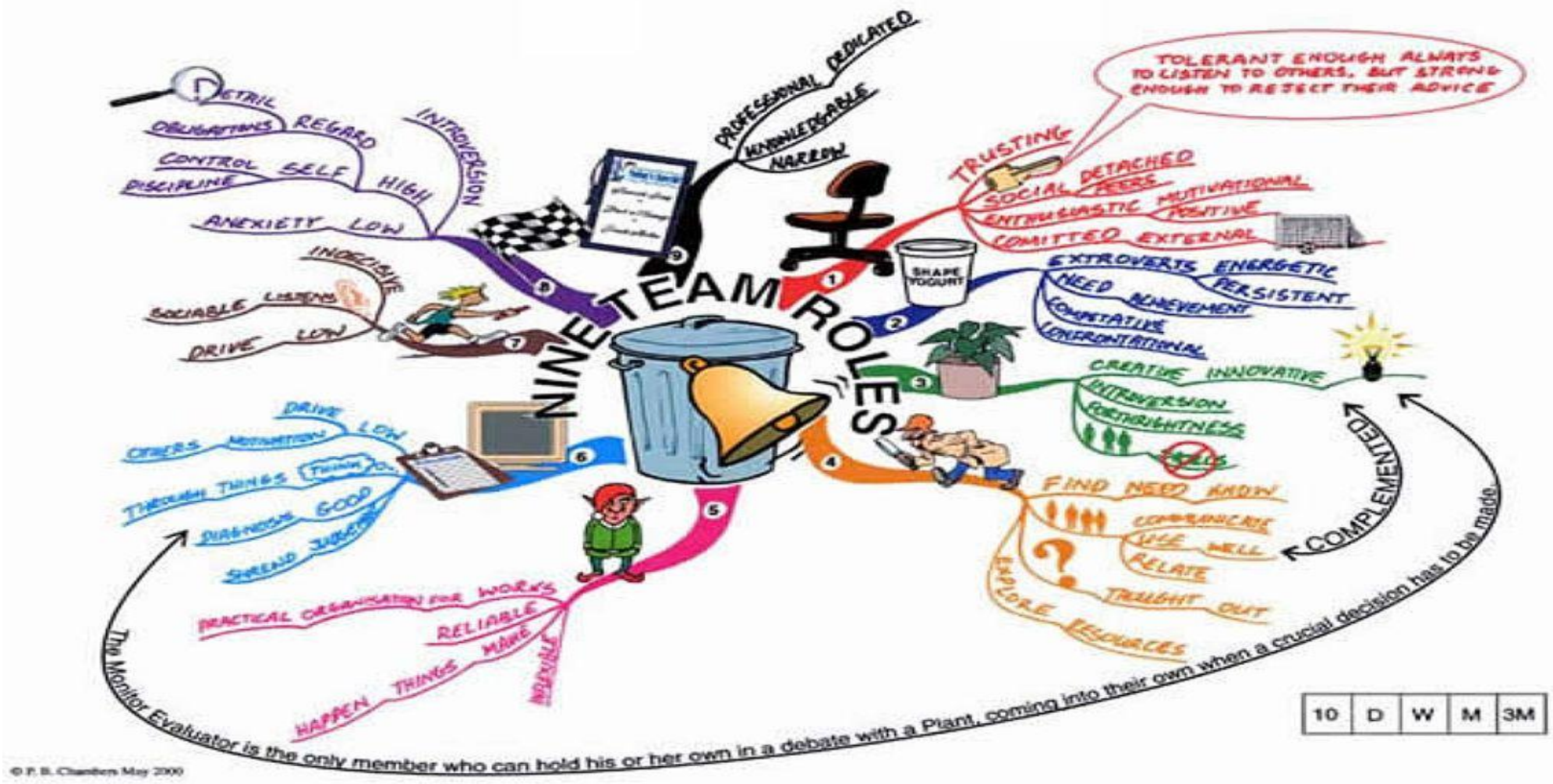

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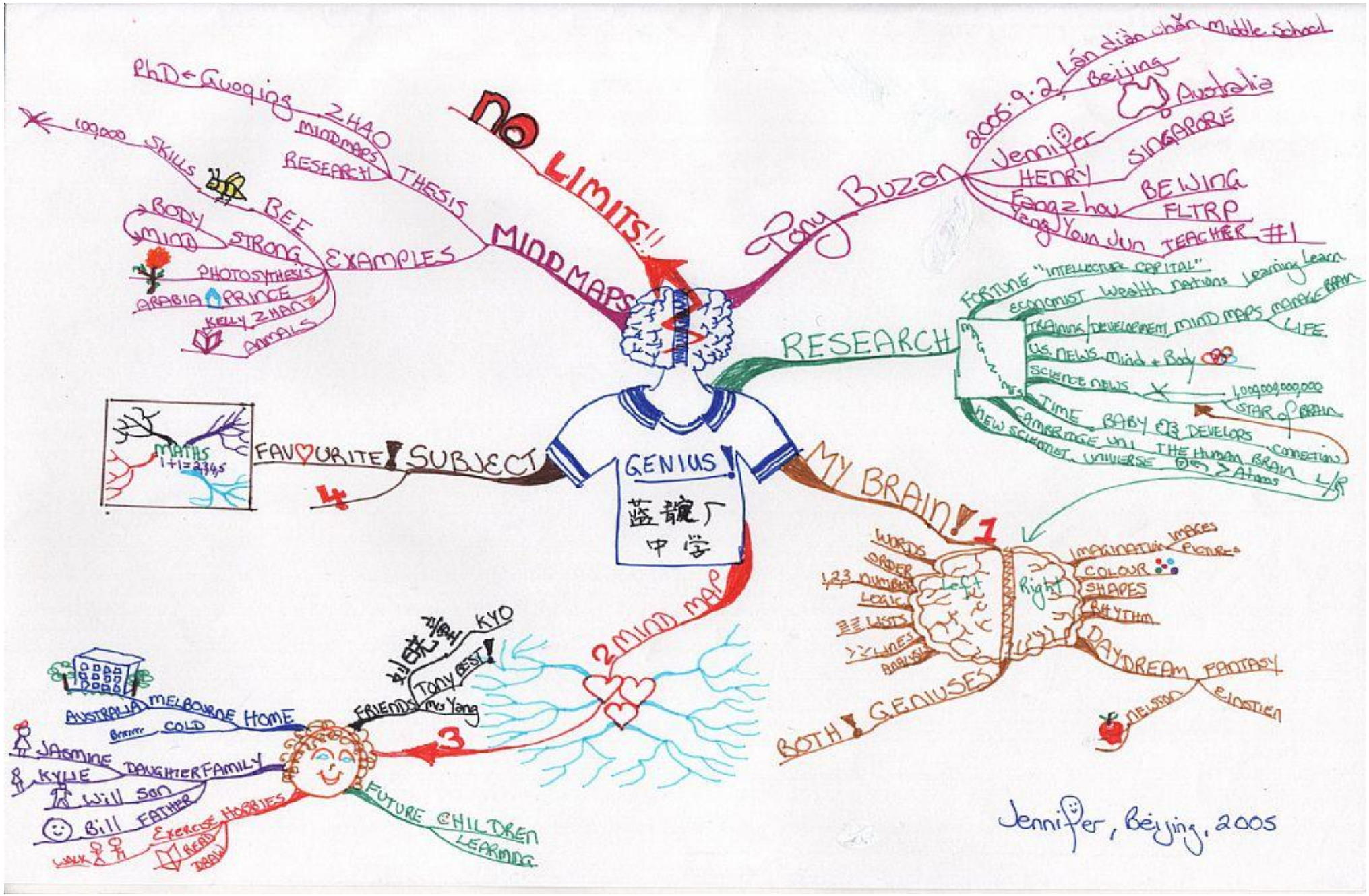
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FAMILY
Will SON
Bill FATHER
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Goal Setting

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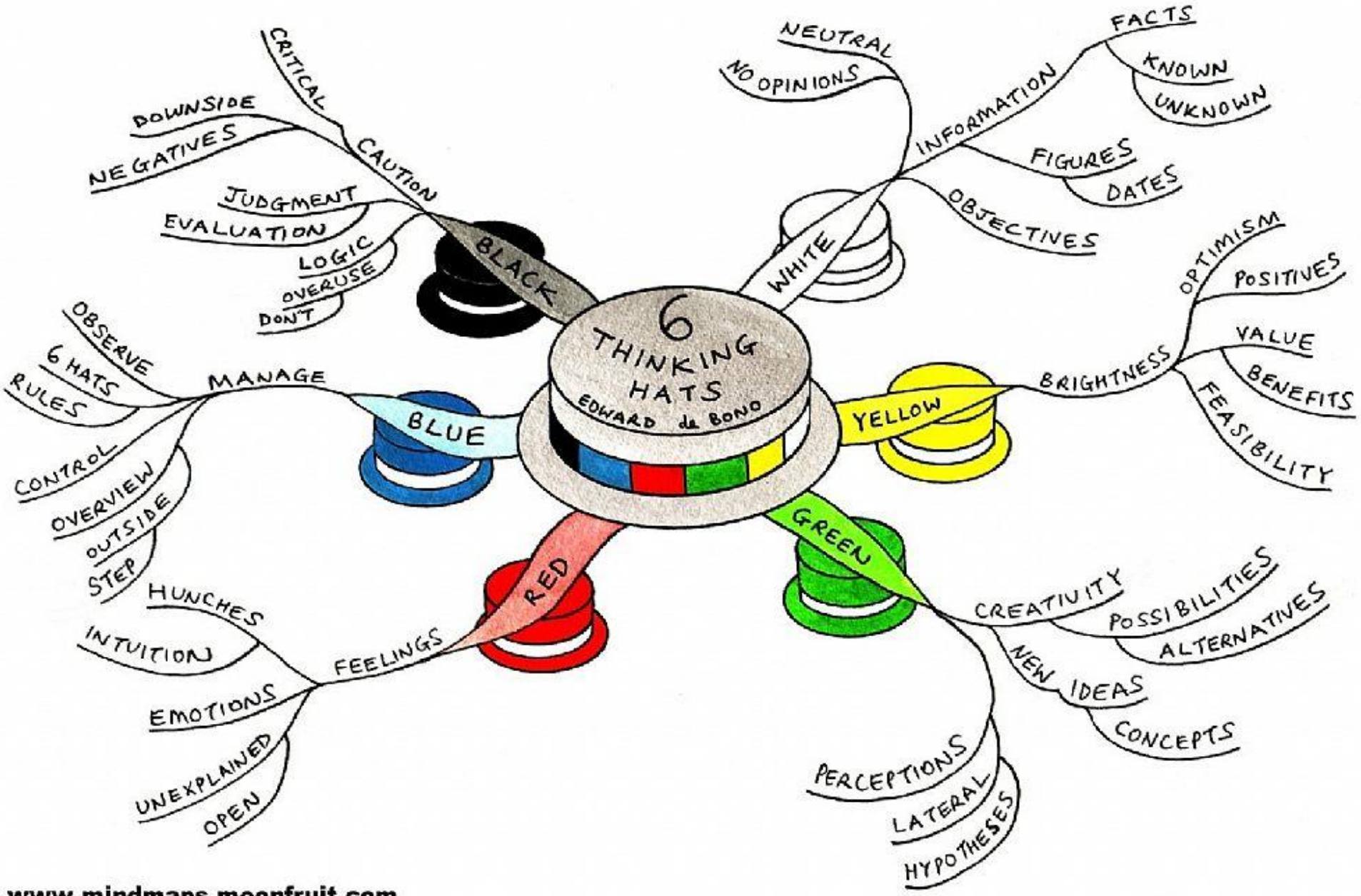

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How To Mind Map

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Mind Maps

Start With Central Image
Centre of Page
Write Purpose On Central-Image

Colours
Throughout
Minimum 3

Branches
Connect Central-Image
Each Other
Curved not Straight
Thicker Centre near
Thinner Level each

Keywords
ONE Line Per
Print Clearly
Size = Emphasis
Length as Same Line

Images
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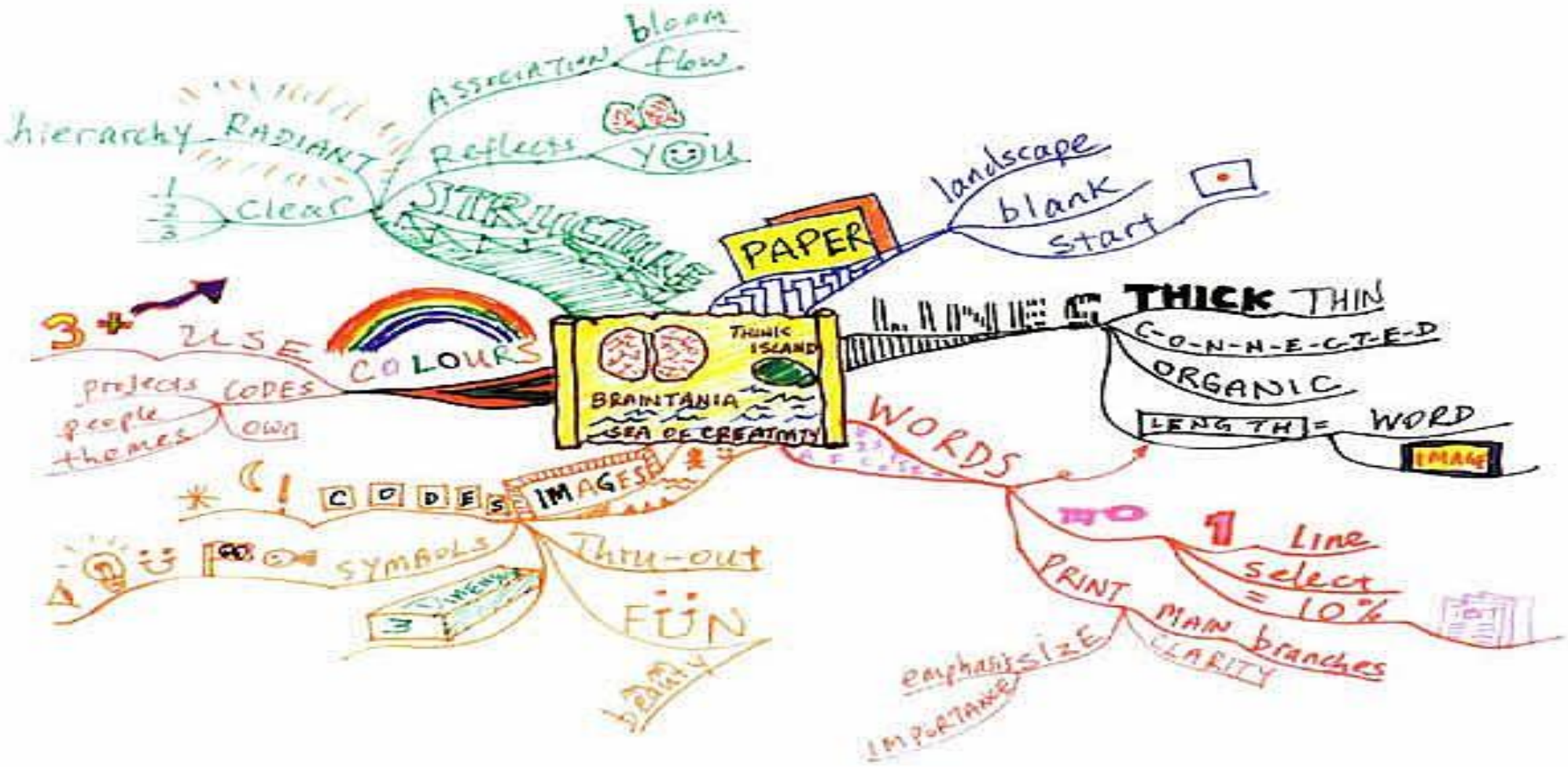
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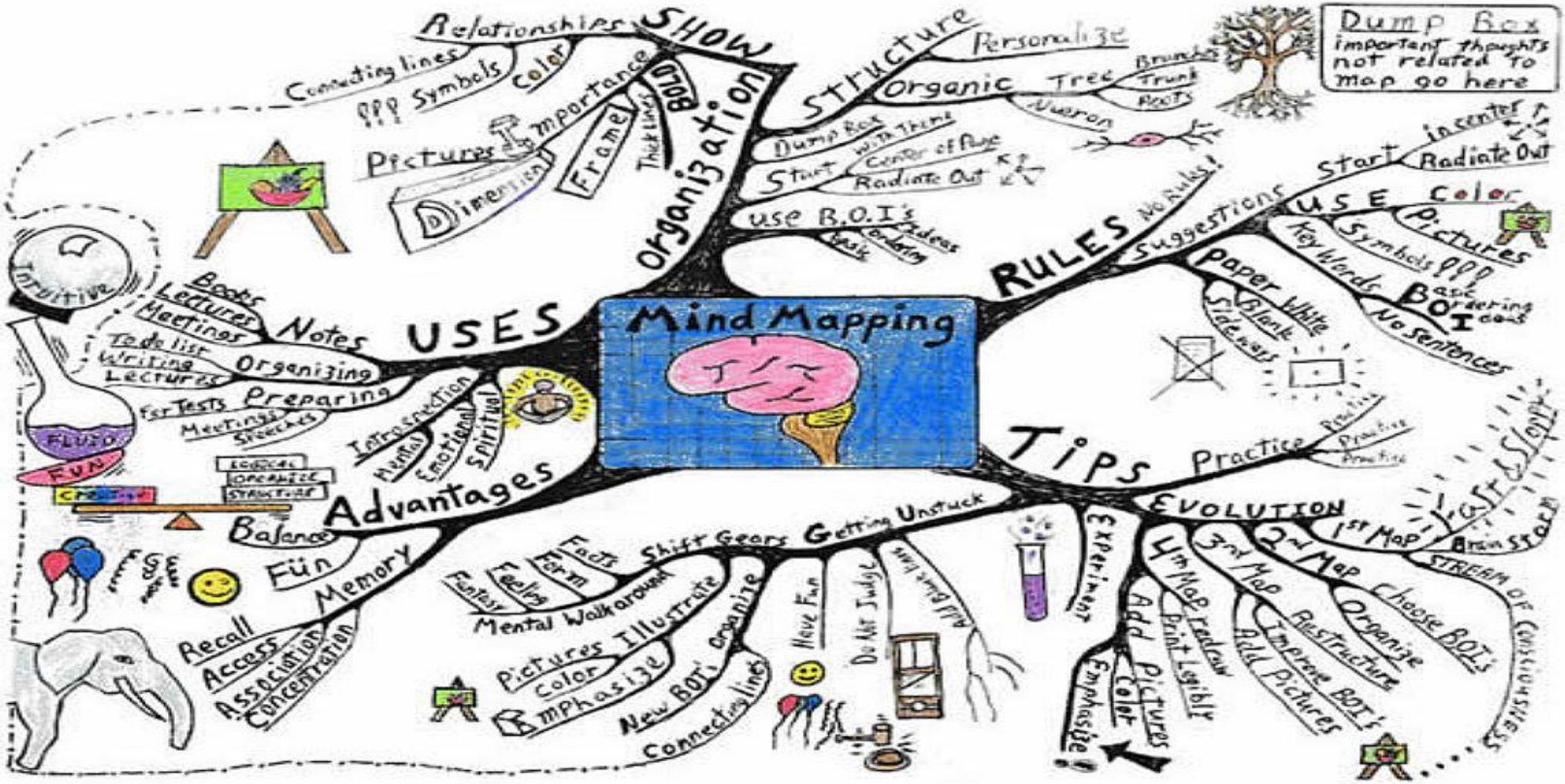
Mind Mapping
SHOW organization
Relationships
Connecting lines
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Color
Pictures
Importance
Dimension
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Thick Lines
BOLD
STRUCTURE
Personalize
Organic
Tree
Branches
Trunk
Roots
Neuron
Dump Box
Start with Theme
Center of Page
Radiate Out
use B.O.I's
Ideas
Ordering
Link
Dump Box
important thoughts not related to map go here
RULES
No Rules!
Suggestions
Start in center
Radiate Out
USE Color
Pictures
Symbols ???
Key Words
BOI
ask ordering questions
No Sentences
Paper White
Blank
Sideways
USES
Intuition
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Books
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Meetings
Organizing
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Writing
Lectures
Preparing
for Tests
Meetings
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Introspection
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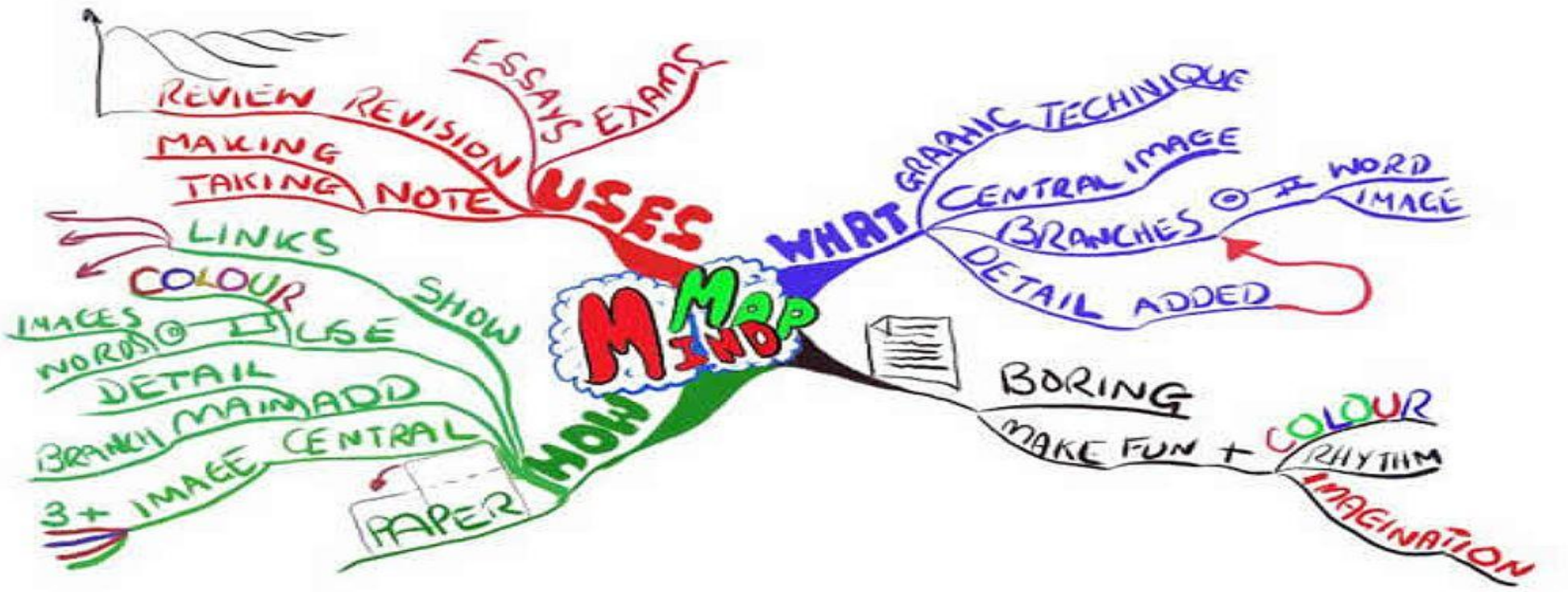
FLUID
FUN
LOGICAL
ORGANIZED
STRUCTURAL
Balance
Advantages
Fun
Memory
Recall
Access
Association
Concentration
Facts
Form
Feelings
Fantasy
Shift Gears
Getting Unstuck
Mental Walkaround
Pictures
Color
Illustrate
Emphasize
New BOI's
Organize
Connecting lines
Have Fun
Do Not Judge
Add Pictures
Color
Emphasize
Experiment
Tips
Practice
Practice
Practice
EVOLUTION
1st Map
Brain Stem
1st & Sept
2nd Map
Choose BOI's
Organize
Restructure
Improve BOI's
Add Pictures
3rd Map
4th Map redraw
Print Legibly
Add Pictures
Color
Emphasize
STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS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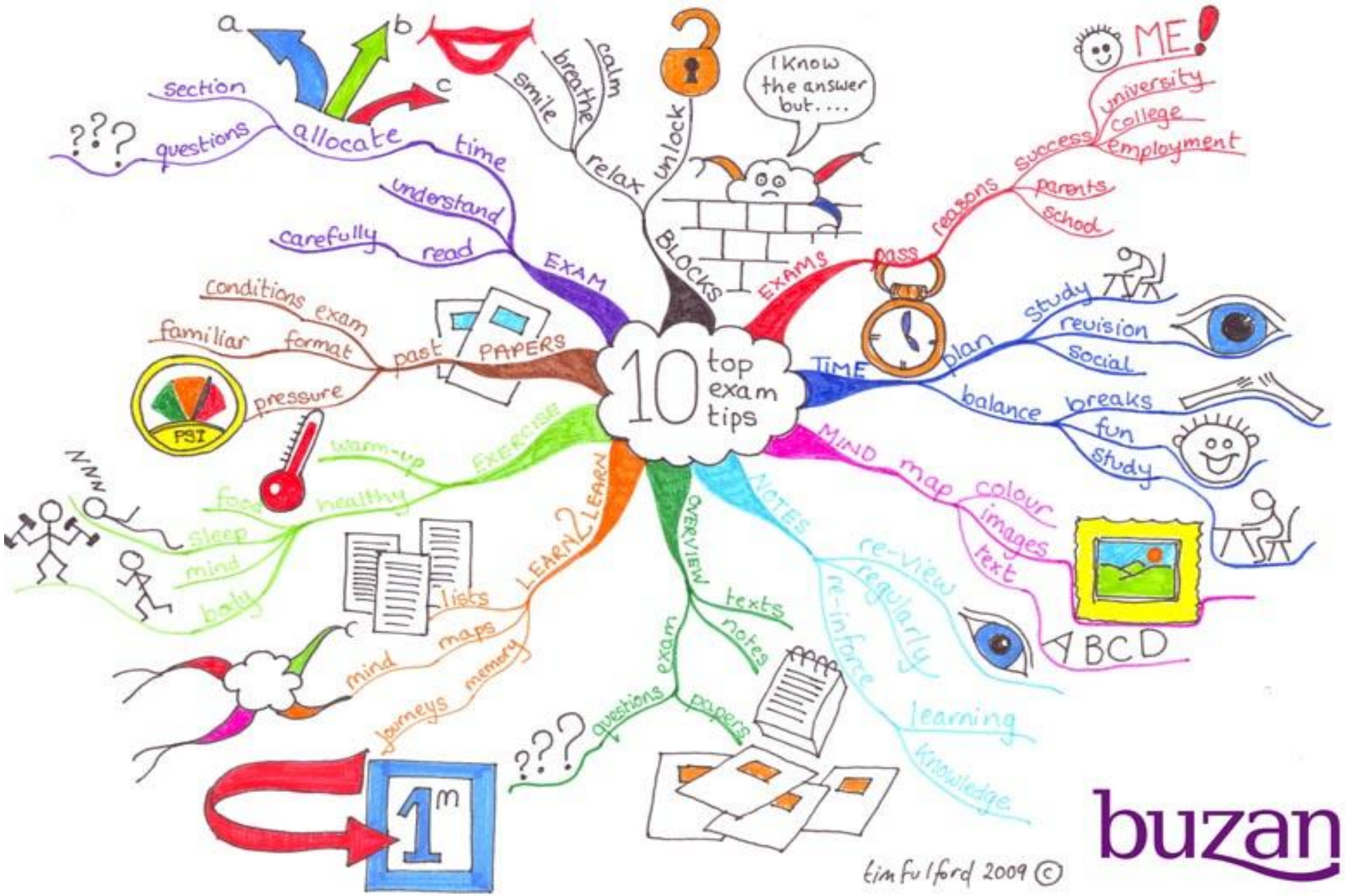

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Exam Revision 10 Top Tips

1. Identify WHY we are sitting exams

2. Plan TIME for study, revision and social engagements (including breaks)

3. Mind Map using colour, image and text to maximise brain power and recall

4. Prepare and use NOTES with regular reviews to reinforce learning and knowledge

5. Overview work and study using TEXTS, NOTES and EXAMPLE questions

6. LEARN to LEARN using Mind Maps and memory journeys

7. EXERCISE, staying physically and mentally healthy

8. Exam practice to reduce pressure, increase performance and results

9. The real Exam, learn techniques for TIME planning, UNDERSTANDING and careful READING

10. Remove BLOCKs, staying calm, relaxed and focused

If you are a school, college or university who use Mind Maps

let us know so we can add you to our list!

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