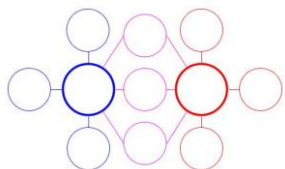


Thinking Maps: Tools for Learning

This week's focus:

The Double Bubble Map



Purpose:

To relationships between two items; it allows for comparing and contrasting

Key Words:

compare/
contrast
similar/ different
differentiate
distinguish
between

Thinking process:

This map is useful in comparing and contrasting two things. It allows for qualities that are shared to be placed in between the two items while differences are placed on the outside of the items.

Unlike the bubble map, the words in the circles do not need to be limited to adjectives. You may use any words or phrases that are appropriate.

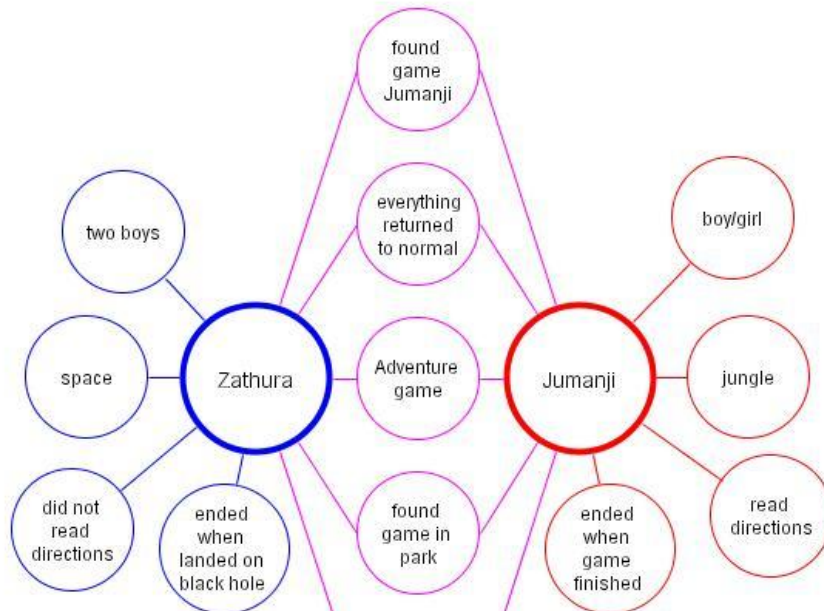
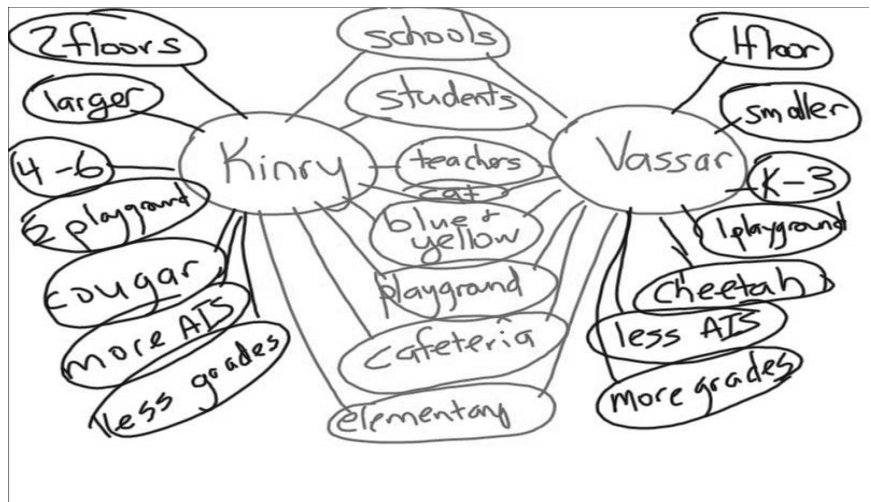
Color coding the similarities/differences may make the relationships more obvious to see.

How to create this map:

1. Near the center of your work space write the names of the two things that are being described. Each item should be in its own circle with space between the circles for details.
2. In the middle of the two things being compared, write the common qualities. Each quality should have its own circle and should be connected with a line to the original item circles.
3. On the outside of each original circle, you should write descriptions that are unique to each item. Every idea should each have its own circle and should only be connected with a line to what it describes.

Turn over to see examples and suggestions.

Here are examples of double bubble maps from classrooms.



Sample questions you could ask at home:

- Compare two members of your family.
- Compare your mother's job to your father's job.
- How are being a parent and child similar and different?
- How does the childhood of a parent related to the childhood of his/her child?
- Compare a parent's job to being a student.

Select one of the questions to the left or come up with your own idea of how your child or your family could use this double bubble map.