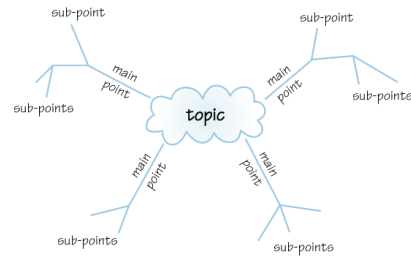


Understanding Language // Age 14+

Using key words

If your teenager is finding understanding questions or texts challenging, teach them to look for key words and underline these. Make a mind map from the information, and then ask the child to explain the subject to you in their own words. Drawing visuals or diagrams of complex information can help the student understand the key themes.



Monitoring their own understanding

If your teenager is having difficulties understanding language, encourage them to actively reflect on what they have understood. These skills will require regular practise before they can be used effectively. They could:

- Underline texts in colour codes (green = understood, orange = not sure/partially understand, red = not understood at all)
- Say following an instruction what they have understood, e.g. 'I know I need to hand in my assignment next Wednesday, which form do we have to hand in with the assignment?'