

Using Graphic Organizers

Flow chart 1, 2

Use a flow chart to show the sequence of events or steps in a process.

1. Write events or steps in the order they happened.
2. Write the first event or first step in the first box.
3. Add steps or events to the chart.

Interview

1. Write questions.
2. Record your partner's answers.

Know/Want to Know/Learnt chart (KWL)

1. Write the topic in the top box.
2. Write things you know on the left.
3. Write things you want to know in the middle.
4. Write things you have learnt on the right.

Matrix (4 x 4, 5 x 5, 6 x 6)

Use these organizers to make notes, organize information and compare items. You can also use these organizers to make notes during group work or to plan and play games.

1. Write the topics in the top row.
2. Add to the matrix as you read or write.

Note-taking sheet

Use a note-taking sheet to make notes on readings and during group work.

1. Write the topic at the top of the page.
2. Make notes on main ideas, details or other important information.

Pie charts

Use pie charts to show numbers and parts of a whole.

1. Put items into groups.
2. Find out how many items or people go in each group.
3. Add sections to the chart to show the number in each group.

Spider map

Use a Spider map to help plan your writing, or to list main ideas and details of a reading.

1. Write the topic in the circle.
2. Write the main ideas on the lines connected to the circle.
3. Add details about the main idea on the smaller lines.

Storyboard

Use a storyboard to predict or show sequence of events.

1. Write the most important steps or events.
2. Put the events in the order they happen.
3. Draw picture if you want.

Sunshine organizer

Use a Sunshine organizer to help you answer questions about a topic.

1. Write the topic in the circle.
2. Write questions and answers next to the triangles.

T-chart

Use a T-chart to make notes or compare two items.

1. Write the topics in the top two boxes. For example, write **Cause** on the left and **Effect** on the right.
2. Add to the chart as you read or write.

Two-column chart

Three-column chart

Use these charts to make notes, organize information and plan your writing.

1. Write the topics in the top row.
2. Add to the chart as you read or write.

Timeline

Use a timeline to show the sequence of events.

1. Write events in the order they happened.
2. Write the first event and date on the left or at the top.
3. Put the last event and date on the right or at the bottom.

Tree 1, 2, 3

Use a tree to organize ideas or find solutions to a problem.

1. Write the topic or problem.
2. Add details or solutions to the problem.

Venn diagram (2 circles)

Venn diagram (3 circles)

Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast two or three things.

1. Write the things you are comparing in the circles.
2. Write ways the things are different.
3. When the circles meet, write ways the things are the same.

Vocabulary log

Use a vocabulary log to remember new words.

1. Write new words in the log.
2. Make notes on the words or add example sentences from the unit.
3. Draw pictures if you want.
4. Look at your log to study the new words.

Word web

Use a word web to build vocabulary or to show the main idea and details.

1. Write the vocabulary word or main idea in the large circle in the middle.
2. Write other vocabulary words and details in the smaller circles.
3. Add more circles as needed.