

5.11 Graphic Organisers

Graphic organisers are a great way to bring different concepts together and they can be particularly useful for revision. There are several advantages to using graphic organisers in class. It is fast because it does not waste time and energy noting down irrelevant words in long sentences. It also helps students to organise their thoughts and connect relevant ideas in a very accessible way by using keywords and images. In addition, students can find graphic organisers easier to remember than long paragraphs. Graphic organisers can be drawn by hand or designed using software, such as *Inspiration* and *Kidspiration* (<http://www.inspiration.com/home.cfm>). Students can be given an incomplete map and asked to finish the map through adding text, pictures or colour coding.

