Mindomo

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https://www.mindomo.com/

🔷 **CATEGORY:** Action, Teamwork

🔷 **GRADE AND SUBJECT:** For all educational levels and all subjects.

🔷 **SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Mindomo is a freemium web tool that allows the creation of interactive online/offline mind maps and concept maps.

READING TIME: 4 minutes

🔷 **LEARNING GOALS:** It is not always easy for teachers to get students to memorize new information and concepts and make them understand how the concepts explained are interconnected and related. Mindomo promotes students' independent learning and study skills and, through mind and concept maps, helps them to organize and retain all the information received during lessons, memorizing concepts better and improving their ability to find new connections and patterns. Furthermore, this tool can support students with specific learning disorders.

🔷 **MOMENTS OF NEED OF THE TOOL:** Mindomo is a very useful tool for learning and memorizing new notions and concepts, and for reviewing those already learned.

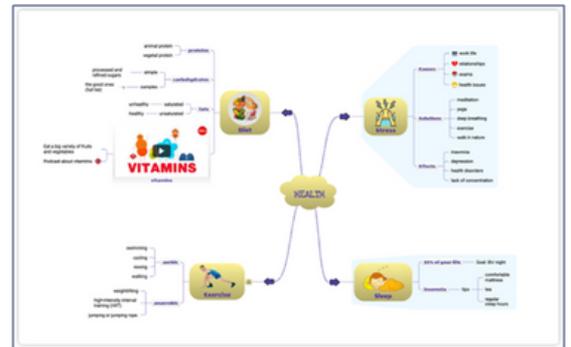🔷 **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY (RATING) AND AGE LEVEL:** Easy, 6+

🔷 **WHY USE THIS TOOL:** Mindomo is an effective tool to help students and teachers develop and improve their learning and teaching methods. It can be useful in learning new and difficult concepts and organizing the students' work and brainstorming with them. It allows teachers to create mind and conceptual maps and to turn these maps into presentations. Mindomo makes it possible to customize map "nodes": users can insert videos, audio, images, notes, emoji, hyperlinks, and attachments. It also allows real-time collaboration and the publication of interactive versions of mind maps, as well as static images of them. It is also a helpful tool for students with specific learning disorders.

Gamification of DIGITAL LEARNING

TOOL DESCRIPTION: Mindomo is an online and offline mind mapping tool that gives a "visual aspect" to information and concept, facilitating students' understanding and memorization. It is a very useful tool for taking notes, organizing ideas, structuring papers, studying for exams and for brainstorming. Mindomo gives the possibility of real-time collaboration with participants: students and professors can interact on the same map, chatting and receiving notifications. It has many templates that can be customized and downloaded in various formats. Teachers can assign tasks: for each topic, it is possible to decide completeness, priority, time allocation, and enter the email of the person(s) to whom it is assigned, following the progress.

PREPARATION AND HOW TO USE THE TOOL: Mindomo requires an account for registration, but students can create accounts without an email. After creating the account, it is possible to choose the appropriate profile for different needs: teacher, student or business. Registration serves to keep track of and store work in the dashboard provided by the web app. The interface is very intuitive: it is only necessary to click on the editing buttons to start creating the maps. Mindomo has pre-defined and pre-structured templates to simplify the map-making process for students or teachers, yet the maps can be personalized by adding text and multimedia content, links and YouTube video. This online mind mapping tool can be used to brainstorm in an escape room scenario or to create a storyline.

THE EXAMPLE: These videos explain how to create a mind map with Mindomo:

- How to create a mind map (Tutorial) 2021 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXKnrDLg2KA&list=PLOwUlX-xhRljs_vpUeWPUvh2o0yfoHzg-&ab_channel=Mindomo

RESOURCES NEEDED: Computer/Notebook/Mobile phone – Interactive whiteboard – Internet connection

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:
- Mindomo Help https://help.mindomo.com/
- Mindomo Youtube Channel https://www.youtube.com/c/mindomo
- Students with LDs on using Mindomo https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8WYIgN5Z4k&ab_channel=Mindomo

PROS AND CONS OF USING THE TOOL:
PROS Customization; user-friendly interface; possibility to turn mind maps into presentations; possibility to add images, links, video; predefined templates to help and simplify the map creation process; real-time collaboration and group assignments; possibility to work offline; integration with other apps.
CONS Some features available only for the premium paid version.

TEACHERS' RECOMMENDATION RATE (SCORE): 4/5