

Dear partners,

Happy New Year, with love, health and progress.

We had a meeting with Kimon tonight and we mentioned that some teachers from the Greek school face certain difficulties in creating a Mind Map, thus we should repeat Step 1 again by creating a MM from the following list:

1. Tiger
2. Animals
3. Pets
4. Hamster
5. Dog
6. Lion
7. Wild
8. Cat
9. Puma

Kimon will send us all via me, a Schedule of progress, a series of steps illustrated on how we choose the Main Word - the most important (inside the circle), the less important key words (main branches) and the even less important words (thinner branches) e.t.c .

We expect him to have it ready by Monday. So we will realise this very same activity as December's one, in a more easy way, after Kimon will send to us the sketch with the schedule. I hope you don't mind.

Then we will move one step further by explaining to our students what would happen if we missed one word from the list and we had to find it by ourselves and add it to the list. For example if there was not the word WILD (no7 above) and the list was like that:

1. Tiger
2. Animals
3. Pets
4. Hamster
5. Dog
6. Lion
7. Cat
8. Puma

we would have to add the word WILD as a main branch. Students have to understand this before anything else goes on.

After this knowledge is mastered, we will move to the following list that has to be transformed into a Mind Map and where a word is missing too:

1. Means of Transport
2. Tram
3. Boat
4. Ship
5. Airplane
6. Helicopter
7. Sea
8. Ferry
9. Train
10. Land
11. Car

Students have to find themselves the missing word (Air) and add it properly where it fits.

* This month apart from the structure process we will focus on the designing of a more perfect MM by emphasising on the right thickness of the branches. Also we will focus on writing lightly on the paper with the pen, so we can correct our mistakes by erasing them without leaving dirty spots and keeping the Map as clear as possible. Finally, we will try to create our MM into the small room of a horizontal A4 paper and this is not always easy to handle.!