

# Support thinking and pattern recognition

Use tools and approaches to help students to recognise patterns, critical features, big ideas and relationships.

- ✓ Use visuals — graphics, photos, cartoons, pictures — to support text and talk when explaining anything.
- ✓ Offer 3D virtual and physical models and real objects to help students identify critical features.
- ✓ Use mind maps, flowcharts, and outlines to help students unpack big ideas and relationships.
- ✓ Give students multiple opportunities to engage with new ideas and concepts.
- ✓ Provide extra time for students to think and process before they need to respond in a discussion.
- ✓ Use mindmaps to brainstorm ideas.
- ✓ Support group and class discussions with visual annotations to prompt later recall of key ideas.
- ✓ Make thinking tools and approaches available across all curriculum areas.

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