

Support thinking

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

- ✓ Explain new concepts clearly. Take the time to order or sequence information simply and clearly.
- ✓ Reinforce abstract concepts with visual and concrete materials.
- ✓ Use cultural and narrative frameworks to support retention and thinking.
- ✓ Use a mixture of telling, explaining and directing to convey information and instructions.
- ✓ Highlight patterns, critical features, big ideas and relationships using visuals, mind maps, 3-D manipulatives, outlines, flow charts and real objects.
- ✓ Give students multiple opportunities to engage with new ideas and concepts.
- ✓ Use mind maps to brainstorm ideas and make connections.
- ✓ Support group and class discussions with visual annotations to prompt later recall of key ideas.
- ✓ Offer students a variety of graphic organisers and flow charts to support thinking in all curriculum areas.

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