

Brainstorm to support students to engage with learning in the physically distanced classroom and to engage with learning from home



Brainstorm is a process encouraging students to generate ideas in a creative manner.

Brainstorm in the physically distanced classroom

Brainstorm gives students a chance to tap into previous knowledge and form connections with the current topic.

- In this way, each person adds their ideas to every document - either building on what someone else has written or adding their own new ideas.
- An alternative approach to this strategy is through using Padlet using mobile phones or tablet devices.

Brainstorm while engaging with learning from home

Student can engage in brainstorm activity using different applications such as Padlet, Mindmap, Popplet and Coggle. There are numerous possibilities to foster teamwork and collaborative practice. Participating from a mobile device /PC is straight forward. Text, drawings, and pictures can be displayed instantly on the virtual whiteboard under the guidance of the teacher. Students can organise ideas, sort information easily, gather ideas, add visual links. Students can re-open the application at any time during a class or later.

- MindMap is a Google Chrome extension that has Cloud, Google Drive, Dropbox, and Box support all built-in. Save your work to local storage, in the cloud, or print and export finished work as an image. You can also attach URLs or hand-drawn images to the individual nodes.
- Popplet is the most straightforward tool to capture thoughts and ideas. Because it's useful in classrooms, it's incredibly visual and utilises images and diagrams to build projects. Multiple people can access the same brainstorming activity within Popplet, where they can build presentations, include tags, and categorise projects all within the tool.
- Coggle lets you create and share intricate mind maps. From complex brainstorming to simple ideation, Coggle provides a space where you can build and download diagrams so your ideas will always be accessible and actionable

*Brainstorm can be used to support Teaching, Learning and Assessment in *all* subjects as well as the Level 1 Learning Programmes (L1LPs) and the Level 2 Learning Programmes (L2LPs)

Key Skills

- Being creative
- Being literate
- Managing Myself
- Managing information and thinking

Assessment

- The teacher observes and listens to student responses to the question in hand.

Inclusion of all Learners

- Scaffolded support through peers
- Peer tutoring
- Encourage varied responses write, draw, record/type
- Graphic organiser
- Can highlight prior knowledge/area of interest within a topic.
- Multi-lingual
- Quick to model
- Specific to individual
- Can be completed in small groups, pairs or individually
- A pre-teaching support focusing on key words or concepts
- A basis for extension activities post lesson

Resources

- Mindmaps
- Popplet
- Coggle
- One to one digital devices with internet connection



Further Information

https://jct.ie/wholeschool/classroom_strategies

[L1LPs/L2LPs](#)

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