

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MIND MAPPING METHODOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF WRITTEN SPEECH SKILLS

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*Abstract:*

The main aim of this article is to highlight the importance of mind mapping method in order to write accurately and effectively in the process of teaching foreign languages. It is crucial to mention that learning mind mapping technic offers a great chance to overcome various difficulties which learners tend to encounter in writing an essay. Literally, mind mapping strategy has a potential value to enhance student' writing ability and improve their confidence while writing.

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It true that writing is always considered one of the challenging and tricky task to acquire valuable knowledge in learning particular language in terms of English. Because of the fact that it requires not only cognitive and intellectual skills but also strong linguistic knowledge. Nevertheless, having basic writing proficiency creates an opportunity to communicate with others satisfactorily together with using writing skill helps students to reflect on their experiences and learn from them as well as plays an undeniably crucial role to have different national and international certificates by writing article or scientific work. As it mentioned before, it is stated as the most demanding skill to be mastered as it contains a plethora of skills and structures.

It is clear that writing is believed as an important skill in learning English as a foreign language. It is an effective method to present one's own ideas and also thoughts. In this regard, Raimes (1983) states that writing is a crucial skill for students because of several reasons. Firstly, writing is used to enhance learners' grammatical and lingual knowledge along with the level of vocabulary, idioms and collocations. Secondly, it provides an opportunity for students in order to apply certain languages they have gained or learned. Third, writing encourages students to express their opinions in correct word choices and sentence structure which is related to grammar and lexical resource. Therefore, writing process requires not only physical activity but also mental ability. That's why students should pay attention more how to generate ideas, how to make sentence in a correct way and they take into consideration word choice which is appropriate for particular sentence. Regardless of these writing-related problems or difficulties more and more students have a strong inclination to acquire this knowledge with strong desire by using different types of methods during writing

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an essay or other range of works. Mind mapping strategy is regarded as one of the most beneficial and productive method which students have a great deal of advantages by applying it in every practical and theoretical writing tasks in certain educational field. Mind mapping techniques could assist learners to increase their productivity and help to manage their time effectively. It is clear that it is a much better way to learn indeed, and a faster way for someone who spends a ridiculous amount of time writing down notes in lengthy texts. Mind mapping method gives a useful assistance to save time who realizes how much time he or she has wasted to write. Mind mapping is a kind of process that present students' thoughts and ideas in a visual concept .By utilizing this method, learners have a tendency to learn how to structure information, analyzing ideas and create an additional opinion which is based on main topic. In addition to this it helps them organize and structure a solid framework on their classes making it straightforward to become proficient the subject and presentation.

It is obvious that mind mapping is really essential for students who are not able to store a great deal of information in their brain and who do not recollect all information that is mentioned in the paragraphs. In this regard, Hazel Wagner reported that mind mapping is a beneficial technique by which learners can take notes about situation and this condition help their brain to store necessary reports despite of unnecessary information. Hazel shares her work on mind mapping and what it can do for understanding, memorization, and retention also. Literally, this method assists students' memory due to the fact that it contains simple and brief ideas or thoughts which outline about whole situation. Learners are manage to link words by using synonyms, antonyms, idioms and collations and create a sentence by the help of these key words. It includes single words or phrases rather than whole paragraphs or sentences. Organizing mind maps help students in order to explore different perspectives and create a rich network by linking various interconnected ideas. Encourage students to use a number of details and examples as well as it help to represent ideas by using visual presentations. For example, these presentations involve symbols, pictures, lines, icons and also colors which allows ideas to be united under one theme. Organizing a mind map involves structuring information in a way that reflects relationships and hierarchies. Students choose one topic and branch out with topic-related ideas and subtopics. They should follow group related ideas and maintain a logical flow between sentences and regularly review and revise to ensure clarity. Mind mapping method helps students to enhance cohesion and coherence in their writing and plays a pivotal role to see the overall structure of written speech.

At its essence, Mind mapping is considered as a visual representation of thoughts and ideas, allowing learners to organize information in a hierarchical and interconnected manner. In the realm of written speech skills, this methodology serves as a powerful catalyst, offering a range of advantages which contribute to the refinement of one's ability to convey ideas effectively. Furthermore, Mind mapping fosters creativity and idea generation. When faced with the task of crafting a written speech, students often come across the challenge of brainstorming and organizing their thoughts cohesively. Mind mapping provides a structured yet flexible framework for this process, allowing for the exploration of different ideas and their connections. The visual nature of Mind maps encourages a free-flowing exchange of thoughts, enabling the generation of creative innovative content.

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There are numerous benefits of using mind mapping method in the improvement of written speech. Mind mapping strategy can improve the writing process in various ways:

1. To boost learners' creativity: Learners stimulate creativity by allowing free association of ideas and non-linear thinking, leading to special and innovative perspectives. They tend to create lines and images which are related to theme and approach the given task with creativity and passion. This method helps learners to enhance their creativity and imagination skills.

2. Efficient planning: Mind mapping breaks down complex topics into branches enables efficient planning, making it easier to develop a well-structured and coherent piece of work.

3. Memory aid: This method helps to create visual associations and aids memory as well as making it easier to recall information and maintain consistency in the writing. Mind mapping helps learners to store information without harming brain process. It is because it contains only simple words or collations which are really easy to remember in a hectic time.

4. The enhancement of collaboration: Mind maps can be discussed or shared collaboratively without any challenging difficulties compared to long sentences or big paragraphs. It can gives assistance in order to foster group work and enables collective brainstorming for writing projects. Every students are able to add their own thoughts and ideas whatever they want and discuss together with a team.

5. Quick overview: Mind mapping technique proves learners a quick overview of the entire structure, and helping students see the big picture before delving into details.

6. Enhancing productivity: Mind mapping method will deliver a serious boost to students' productivity in writing process. It helps to have better and more creative solution about situation which they held while writing. It assists to retain key information rather than remembering the whole texts.

Generally, Mind mapping is a versatile and effective method that enhances students' creativity, organization, collaboration ability and overall cognitive processes. By using mind mapping methodology in the improvement of written speech skills can create a great chance to enhance learners' writing ability and their productivity in writing process.

All in all, using different types of methods in written speech can be very beneficial to improve students' writing ability. By the way, mind mapping strategy is a kind of alternative method in teaching written speech skills. Considering the results of research, it is effective to assist learners to organize and generate ideas before they start writing an essay or some kind of writing based works.

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