

MIND MAPPING EXERCISE

The first step in any business is: Developing an Idea.

The “Creative Component” of this exercise is inspired by EUREKA! RANCH which used a mind mapping process to help Proctor & Gamble create the Swiffer®.

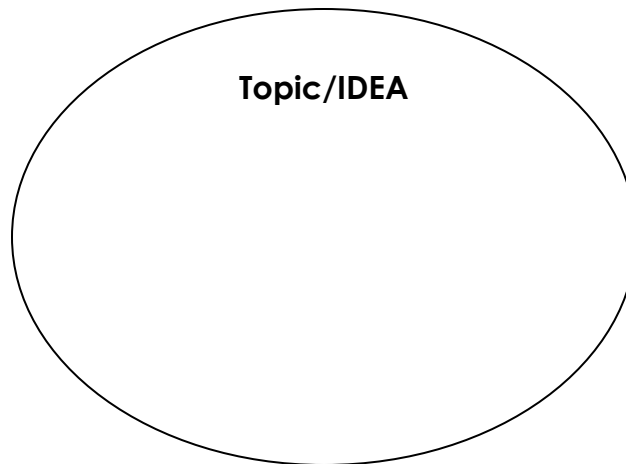
Creative Component

1. Choose Topic
2. Brainstorm
3. Cluster words - Choose “Favorite” Cluster
4. Develop Product/Service Idea

Practical Component

5. Create Product/Service Pitch
 - a. Product/service description & target audience.
 - b. Need met through the product or service & target audience
 - c. Competitive advantage (even if it is made up)

- **1. Pick a topic, hobby, area of interest.** Write in center of circle.
- **2. Brainstorming** – Write words all over the page that come to your mind. Do not edit yourself...free flow.
- **3. Clustering** – Link together terms that you think “go” together. Use lines and symbols to do this. (Note: Listen for instructor coaching on clustering).



- **3. (continued) Select your favorite cluster from page 2.**
- **4. Develop 3-4 product/service ideas inspired by these words.**

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Product/Service

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Your Favorite "Clusters" / Words/
Concepts

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- **5. ELEVATOR PITCH: Choose your favorite product/service idea and fill out the following. After this step, practice (mentally) so that you can give an "elevator pitch" which means a compelling, 30 second description of your product/service.**

Product/Service description & target audience

What need is met through this product / service

Competitive advantage (even if it is made up)