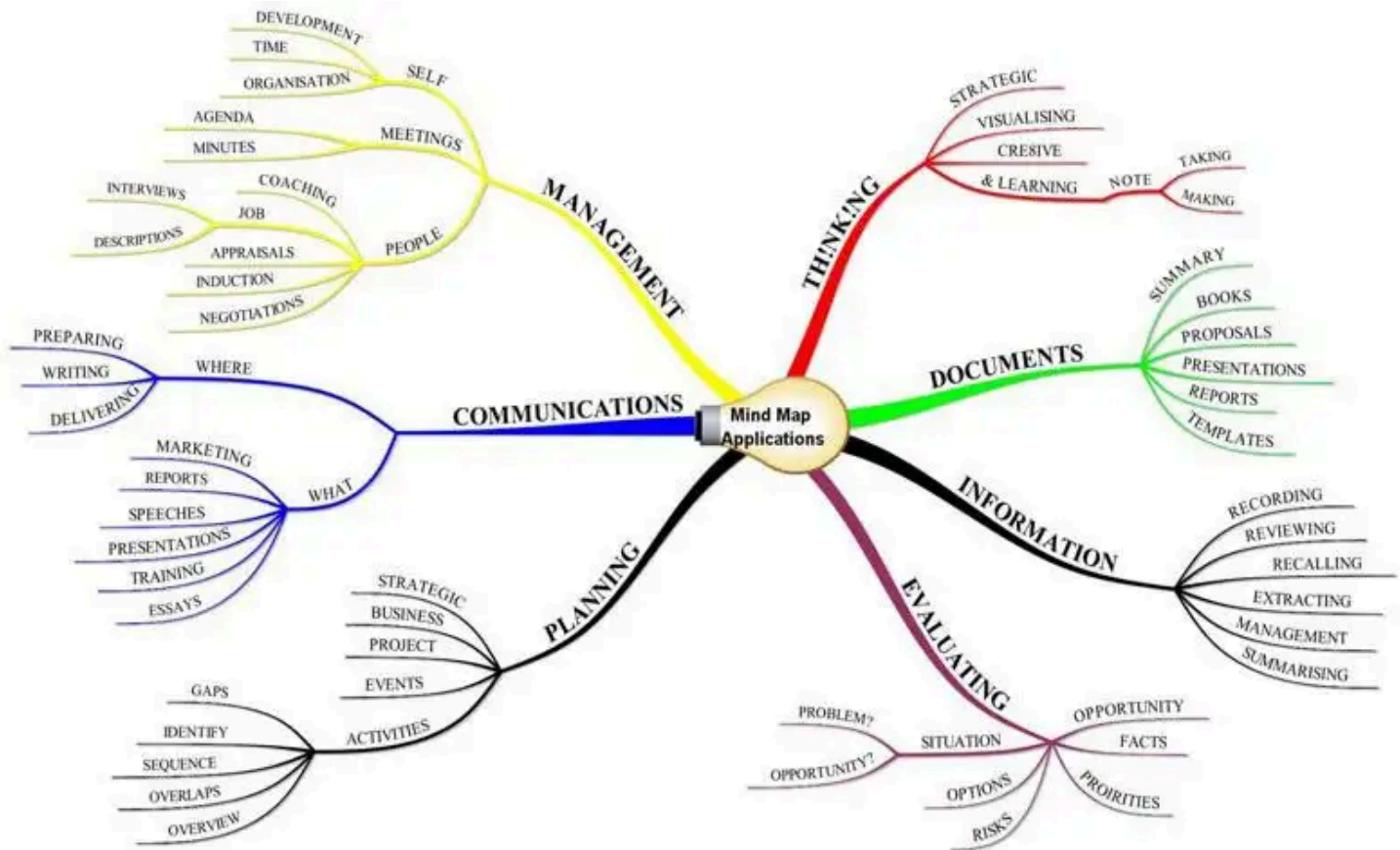


Note Taking Strategies

Mapping Method



Method: Organize information from text(s) or lectures based on subject with the overarching topic at the center. From there, connect the larger subtopics. From each large subtopic, connect their details.

Advantages: This format helps you to visually track info regardless of conditions. Little thinking is needed and relationships are easy to identify. It is also easy to edit your notes by adding numbers, marks, and color-coding. Review will call for you to restructure thought processes which will force you to check understanding. Review by reproducing your map, or leaving parts blank to fill in from memory.

Disadvantages: You may not hear changes in content from major points to facts.

When to Use: Use when the lecture content is heavy and well-organized. May also be used effectively when you have a guest lecturer and have no idea how the lecture is going to be presented.¹



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¹ "Common Note-Taking Methods." *Common Note-Taking Methods* | University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, www.utc.edu/enrollment-management-and-student-affairs/center-for-academic-support-and-advisement/tips-for-academic-success/note-taking#charting. Accessed 19 Sept. 2024.