

# CONCEPT MAPPING

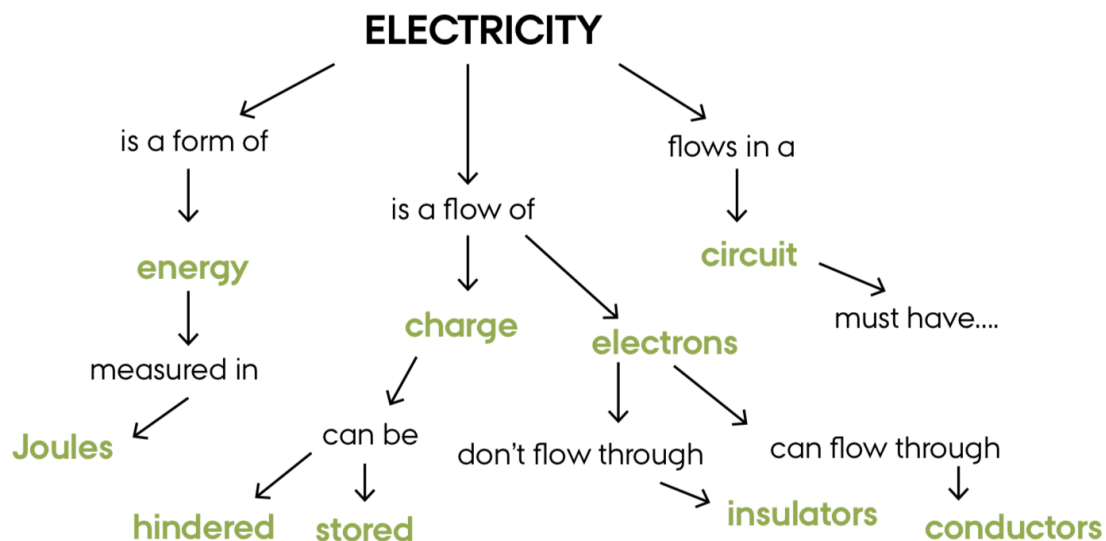
Concept mapping is a suitable method to achieve a better understanding of an academic topic, concept or principle. By connecting the sub-elements and presenting them in a visually meaningful way, you can develop your own coherent understanding of the material. You can use different programs to generate concept maps, but as a start, it is probably easiest to draw them on paper.

## WRITE THE TOPIC AT THE TOP

- Write the topic, concept or principle at the top of the paper. Use arrows or lines to establish connections to sub-elements.

## SHORT NOTES

- Write short notes on the arrows explaining the relationship between the elements. See example:



## CONCEPT MAPPING IS USEFUL FOR

- Enhancing your understanding of academic materials and establishing connections between a number of sub-elements.
- Testing your knowledge and identifying any knowledge gaps.
- Taking up a topic in your study group and comparing and discussing each other's concept maps of the same topic.
- Studying for the exam. Put your concept map aside, and try to recreate relevant knowledge from memory.