

Solve the academic puzzle

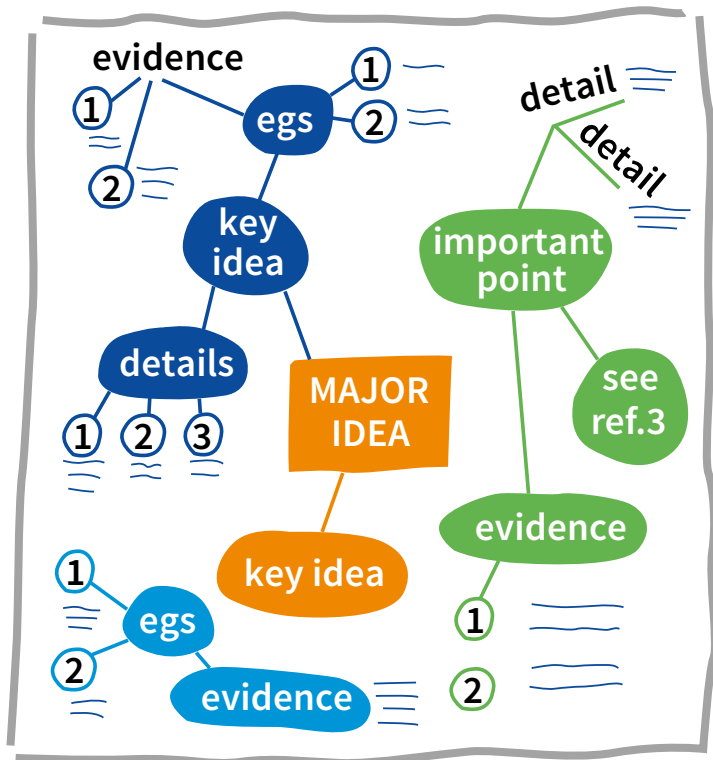
# Smart Reading

## ARE YOU A SMART READER?

- Do you question what you're reading?
- Do you look for answers to your questions?
- Do you make notes of the important points, and ideas triggered by what you read?
- Do you challenge the assumptions of the writer, the logic of the arguments, and the validity of the conclusions?
- Do you map out ideas so that you can see how everything fits together?

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## Map the main ideas as you read



### What is a mind map?

It's a graphical tool that can incorporate words, images, numbers, and colour, so it can be more memorable and enjoyable to create and review.

### Why should you use them?

- Combines words and pictures which makes information easier to remember.
- Links and groups concepts together through natural associations.
- Provides an overview of a large subject area.
- Organises your thoughts in an intuitive rather than linear way.

## Tips to increase your reading speed



### TRACK WITH YOUR FINGER

Move your finger down the page, directly from top to bottom, to train your eye to move quickly down the text.



### KNOW WHEN TO READ ALOUD

Some people read aloud from habit, or because they can understand a text better if they hear the words. Reading silently can speed up reading.



### READ LARGER CHUNKS

Allow your eyes to take in larger chunks of text as you read. Try holding the text farther away from your eyes so you can take in more at once.



### BUILD UP TO MORE DIFFICULT TEXTS

If a text on a topic looks too hard, try reading something simple on the topic, or reading the easiest parts first. Return to the more difficult parts later.