

## Digital graphic organizers—Intermediate

### Let's discuss

#### A Read the text and answer the questions.

- Ask students to look at the images and discuss the questions in pairs. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

### What are digital graphic organizers? Extra information

There are many digital tools which can help you study and remember what you have learnt. A **digital graphic organizer** is a visual way to represent ideas and concepts. Instead of traditional note-taking, information is displayed down around key words, images or concepts.

Digital graphic organizers, such as **mind maps** or **word clouds**, are also very useful to work with vocabulary and to brainstorm ideas. They are fun to make and can easily be used as an effective studying tool for remembering ideas, concepts and vocabulary.

### Key

- 1 *Students' own answers.*
- 2 *In a mind map, we use branches and themes going out from a central theme; in a word cloud, all the words and phrases are interconnected. Mind maps allow you to structure the concept in a more logical pattern and add more details. Word clouds place the words in any order which makes it more difficult to categorize the vocabulary.*

### Let's analyse

#### B Look at an example of a digital mind map and a word cloud. Answer the questions in groups.

- Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

### Key

- 1 *It is about the city.*
  - 2 *The word 'city' is placed in the centre. The other words represent concepts related to life in the city.*
  - 3 *Students' own answers.*
  - 4 *The main topic is grammar.*
  - 5 *The other words represent verb tenses and language areas related to grammar.*
  - 6 *Accept all answers, but point out that word clouds help to visualize words and concepts. Making them also helps you to remember the vocabulary you have learnt.*
- Go online and type keywords to find websites for making digital graphic organizers. Show students how to find safe sites.
  - Try making a group mind map or word cloud using suggestions from the class. Ask students what they would like the digital graphic organizer to be about and what information to include. Make the changes on screen and project the final result on the board.

### Let's do it!

- This can be completed in class or as homework.
- Have students go through their notes about something they have learnt recently.
- Go online and show students recommended websites for making digital mind maps or word clouds.
- Once you have all the links to their digital mind maps and word clouds, use one lesson to view them all as a class.