

Lesson Planning with MindGenius

Effective lesson planning is a time consuming process that can encroach into time at home. Lesson Planning with MindGenius allows you to speed up the process and reuse thinking at anytime.

Before you start any activity with MindGenius, view the MindGenius “getting started” video to learn about the basic features you will need to get going and how the MindGenius approach will help you to explore the subject you are looking at in more detail.

Define lesson objectives

MindGenius allows you to quickly plan and clearly define aims, learning objectives, outcomes, and standards being addressed. Using **Type and Return**, you can get your ideas out of your head in a way that won't constrain your thought process.

Create your plan

Continuing to use Type and Return, you can create your plan, either by using a MindGenius **lesson planning template** or a blank map. This will allow you to rapidly build up a **comprehensive** picture of the main activities you will need to undertake to ensure students achieve the **learning outcomes**.

Once you have gathered your initial information, you can move ideas around at anytime, using **Drag and Drop** to visually restructure and add order to your ideas.

As your ideas continue to flow, your map will become large but unlike other applications, MindGenius allows you to easily work with and manipulate the information gathered. **Map Explorer** allows you to navigate through the information mapped out to focus in on specific sections, either to revisit what has been said or to elaborate further. This allows you to create manageable chunks and to work on sections in isolation which means it will be easier to understand how the plan will be delivered and to create a step-by-step guide of activities required.

Deliver lesson

If you wish to share the learning outcomes with your students, you can use MindGenius hooked up to a whiteboard or projector in class to share learning outcomes and revisit learning from a previous session. This gives you a framework for an interactive class discussion.

To find out more about undertaking learning sessions using MindGenius, take a look at “**Collaborative Learning with MindGenius**.”

Evaluate effectiveness

After the lesson, you can then use the map created to gather evidence and evaluate the effectiveness of the plan. By assigning **colours or categories** to your map, you can quickly distinguish between ideas you considered to be successful and those which you feel may require additional work before they are used again. You can also “**create Category Maps**” in order to see ideas in isolation, for example, if you wish to only look at the ideas you have defined as being successful.

Share thinking

After you complete the lesson and have measured its effectiveness, MindGenius gives you the ability to share your map with colleagues or **export to MS Office** packages such as **MS Word, PowerPoint and PDF**. This also allows you to re-use the ideas for this lesson, where appropriate.

What next?

Using MindGenius can help you to overcome some of the traditional issues with lesson planning. It also allows you to use the plan you create time and time again by editing it and easily restructuring or adding more information to it at any time.

Get started with your plan and either select a MindGenius blank map, or a template.