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What are graphic organizers?

A graphic organizer is a visual representation of information.

What are the strengths of graphic organizers?

- Graphic organizers help to visually organize information. In this age of information, knowing the tools that help simplify life and aid in understanding are increasingly valuable. A graphic organizer is just such a tool.
- Graphic organizers show relationships such as cause and effect. A graphic organizer also visualizes relationships between items. By showing these relationships, it can help you better understand how the relationship works and how you can help to change or enhance the relationship.
- Finally, graphic organizers demonstrate your understanding. They help you to understand what you know and what you do not know. When you construct your own graphic organizers, you will gain a clearer sense of your ideas or identify any confusion you might have about the structure of an organization.

How do you make a graphic organizer?

1. **Spider web** – The spider web graphic organizer has a center title with bubbles coming out from the center. The spider web is a good tool to use to show relationships between pieces of information. A spider web can be used to show the various departments that make up an organization, for instance.
2. **Hierarchy** – The hierarchy graphic organizer starts with a bubble at the top center and has bubbles coming out of the bottom. This tool is useful for showing how items relate to an overarching category. This tool is good for showing how employees are structured underneath a supervisor.
3. **List** – A list graphic organizer has a title with items branching off of that title in a single row. This tool is useful when listing information that directly connects to the title. A list, for example, might be used to demonstrate the responsibilities that a student has at an internship site.

