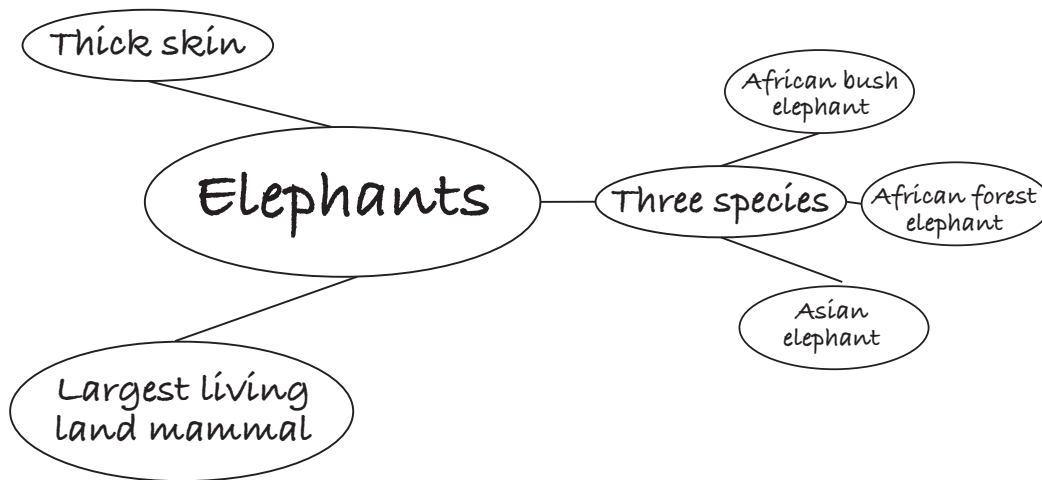


Two Techniques for

Brainstorming

1. Make a "mind map"

Begin with a large sphere at the center of your paper. Draw a new sphere for each thought you have, and connect it back to your topic with a line. Then add new thoughts about each sub-topic and connect them back to their sub-topic, as with the three species of elephants in the example below.



2. Make a chart

If you have multiple topics or want to compare and contrast several subjects, you may want to create a chart. List each topic at the top of the page, then write your facts below each heading, as in the example below.

Similarities and differences between whales, dolphins, and porpoises

<u>Whales</u>	<u>Dolphins</u>	<u>Porpoises</u>
Largest of the three No teeth or cone-shaped teeth Large dorsal fin	Next largest Cone-shaped teeth Small curved dorsal fin	Smallest Spade-shaped teeth Small straight dorsal fin

Experiment with these techniques to see which works best for you. Flip your paper over and try them out!

