

# Tip 5: Using Visual Supports



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### Definition

Pictures or graphics accompanying verbal or textual instruction.

### Benefits

Visual supports, and having information presented in different ways and multiple times, will aid all learners.

Using visual supports can have a positive effect on your child's engagement by communicating expectations to your child such as what they need to do, when, how long for and what comes next.

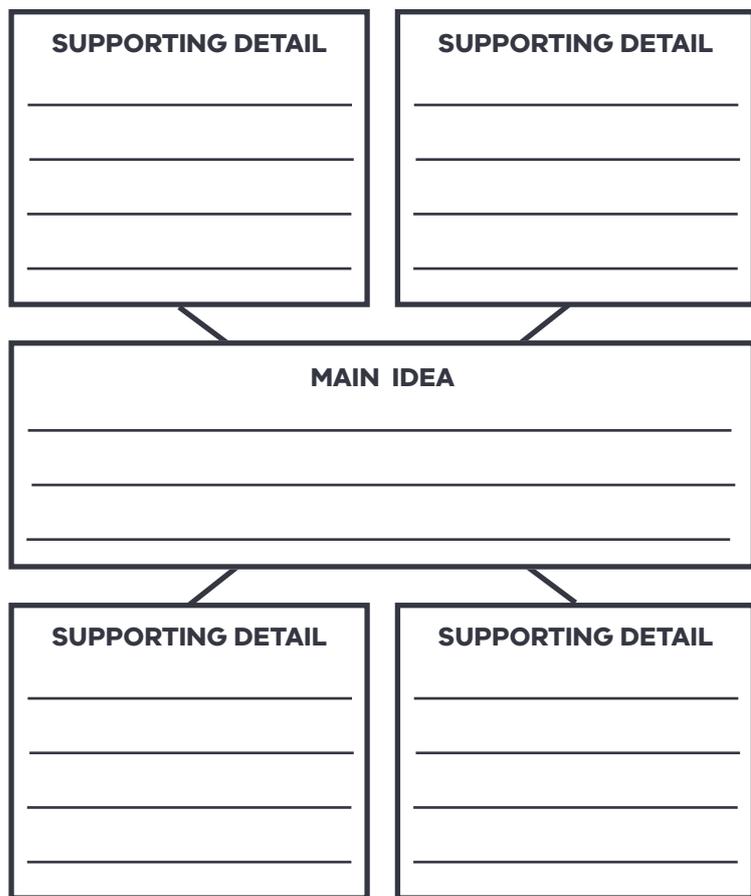
### Using this tip

Visual supports can come in many forms, as illustrated in the table below.

<p><b>Drawing the eye to important information</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>bolding</b>, highlighting, <u>underlining</u>, enlarging or changing the colour of important information in a line of text.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Information/reminders on walls/desks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display charts of information and pictures related to the topic on the wall.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Behavioural examples (voice scale)</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display expectations and rules on a wall in writing and include pictures of your child modelling the desired behaviours.</li> <li>• Attach a voice scale to a wall to help remind children to use an 'inside' voice.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Examples demonstrating a task or product</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make an example of a document or product to demonstrate to your child exactly what is expected.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Graphic organisers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venn diagram</li> <li>• PMI (Plus, Minus, Interesting) chart</li> <li>• Mind map</li> <li>• KWL (Know, Want to Know, Learned) chart</li> <li>• Fishbone diagram</li> </ul>

**Example:** visual supports may include mind maps and KWL charts.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



I KNOW	I WANT TO KNOW	I LEARNED



## Best Practice Tips

When using the Visual Supports tip:

- consider how your child needs information presented, based on ability and task
- vary the visual and environmental supports available.

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### Download these templates

- [Examples of Activity Choice Boards](#)
- [Task Sheet](#)
- [KWL Chart](#)

### Handy resources

- [Assignment Timeline Visual Plan](#)
- [Visual Supports - Autism Spectrum Australia](#)
- [Visual Goals](#)