

Support thinking using recommended approaches

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Key areas to support' from the Guide: [Down syndrome and learning](#)

Includes:

- Support recall with visuals
 - Support processing
 - Utilise mind mapping tools
 - Useful resources
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Support recall with visuals



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Processing and recall of spoken information is improved when it is supported by relevant visual material, especially when it is of high interest to the student.

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Support processing

Use visuals, repetition and positive reinforcement when presenting content.

- Offer frequent opportunities for students to move into pairs or groups to discuss their thinking.
- Use photo boards and posters as tools to support students' recall and retrieval skills.
- Give lots of positive reinforcement when introducing new information or instructions.
- Slow down. Allow time to process information and to formulate responses.

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Utilise mind mapping tools



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Introduce students to a range of mind mapping tools, such as [Popplet](#).

Model how they can be used across all learning areas to support thinking and planning.

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Useful resources

Graphic organizers

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Time Timer (visual timer for visual people!)

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Popplet

Publisher: Notion

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