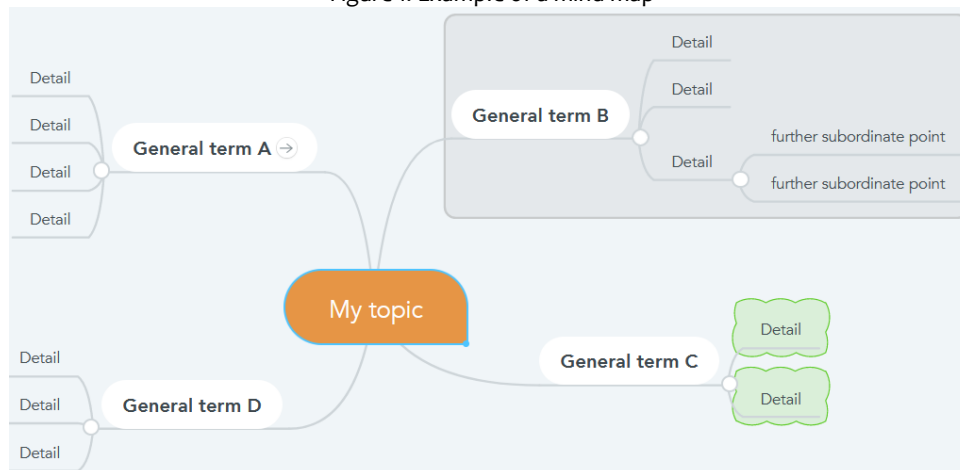


# Mind map

## SchreibCenter at the Language Resource Center

Grab a pen and a piece of paper, and write the main topic of your text in the center. Draw a circle or a box around it and add all your ideas and your knowledge on the topic, drawing circles/boxes as you go along. Differentiate between main points and subordinate points, and try to find and note connections between different points.

Figure 1: Example of a mind map



You can examine your finished mind map with the following questions:

- Where did you have a lot of ideas?
- Can you identify some areas or categories as irrelevant for your text?
- Are there areas of your mind map that you find particularly interesting?
- Can you narrow down your topic now?
- Based on your mind map, can you formulate a research question?
- Could you use your mind map as an outline for your text?

Based on:

Grieshammer, Ella; Liebetanz, Franziska; Peters, Nora & Zegenhagen, Jana (2016): Zukunftsmodell Schreibberatung. Eine Anleitung zur Begleitung von Schreibenden im Studium. 3., korrigierte Auflage. Baltmannsweiler: Schneider Verlag Hohengehren. S. 202 f.