

Pre-Sessional English

Brainstorming

Mind Maps

Coursework / Assignment

How do you start?

- What do you know?
- What do you need to know?
- What is important?
- What is relevant?
- What is the outline?

Starting

- Write down ideas
- In a way that helps you

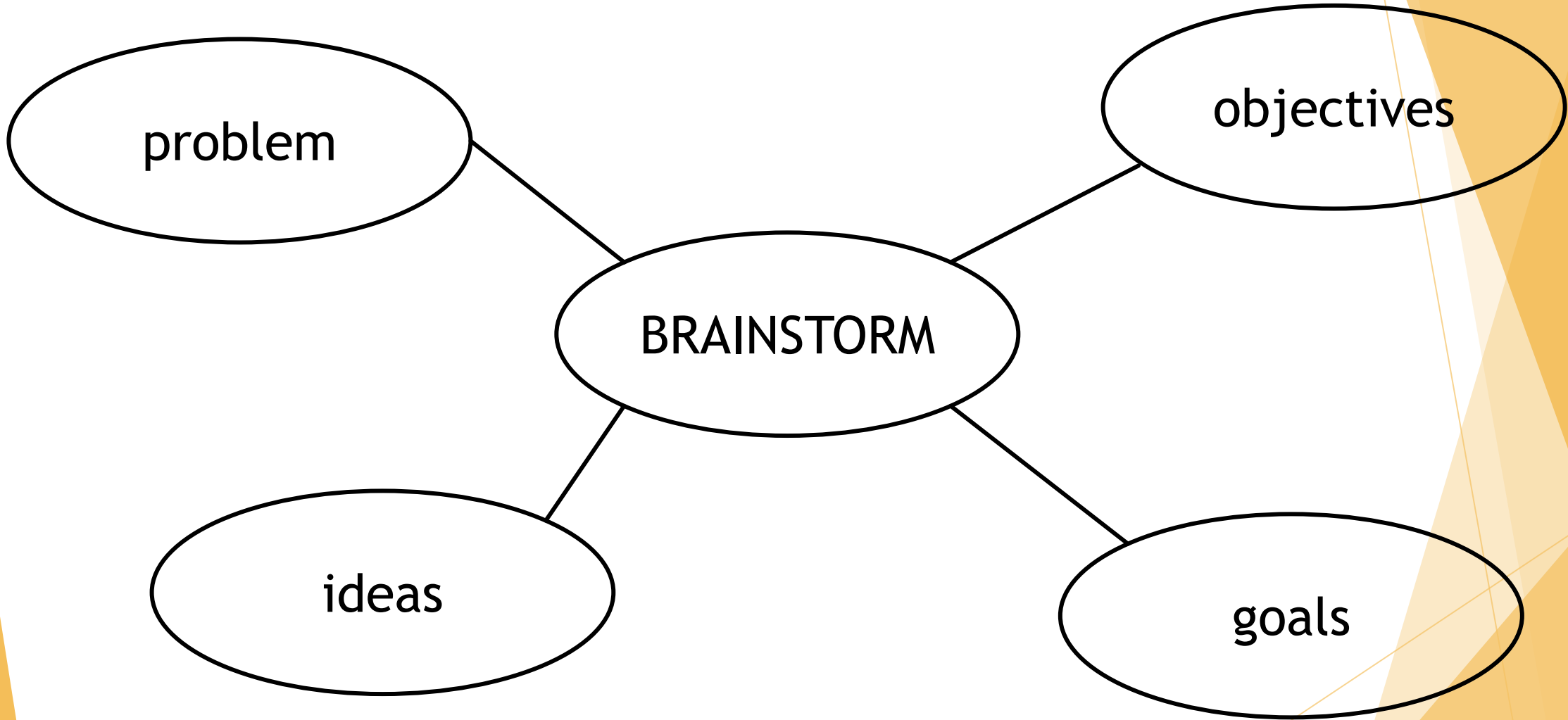
Examples

- Write a list
- Use a diagram - often helps!
 - E.g. a mind map

Mind maps

Brainstorming

- Brainstorming is a technique that helps groups think of ideas to solve a problem.
- One approach is to write down as many ideas as possible, without concern.
- Use Mind maps



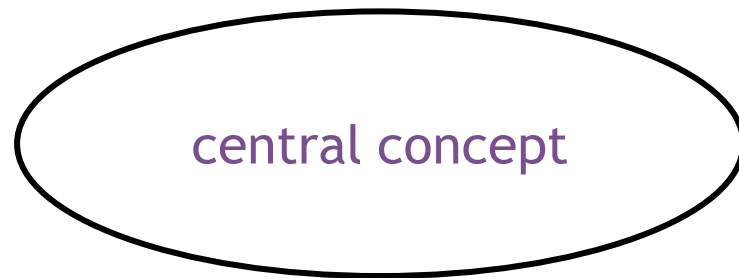
What is a mind map?

- A mind map is a diagram used to show how ideas are related to a central theme and to each other.
- Each item is given its own circle and linked by a 'branch', a line, to the item to which it is most related.
- It is used both to help create ideas and a simple way of grouping these ideas.

Note: The central theme can be a problem, an idea, or a concept.

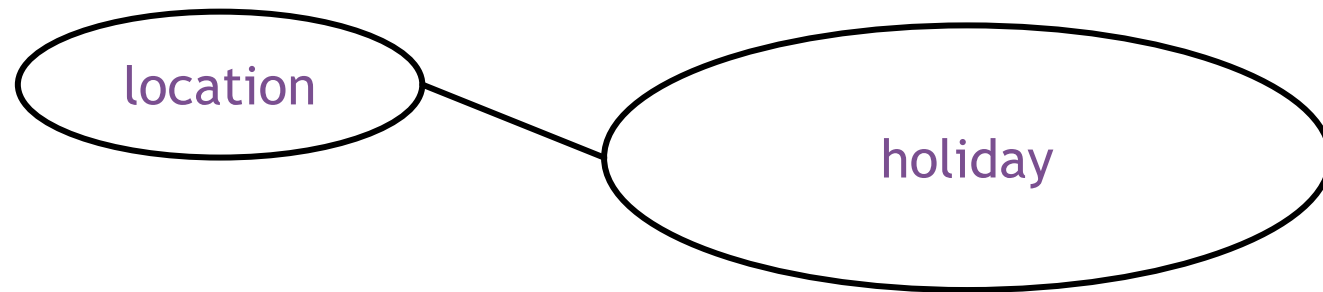
How to create a mind map

- Using examples helps understand how to make a mind map
- But, here are the instructions in written form



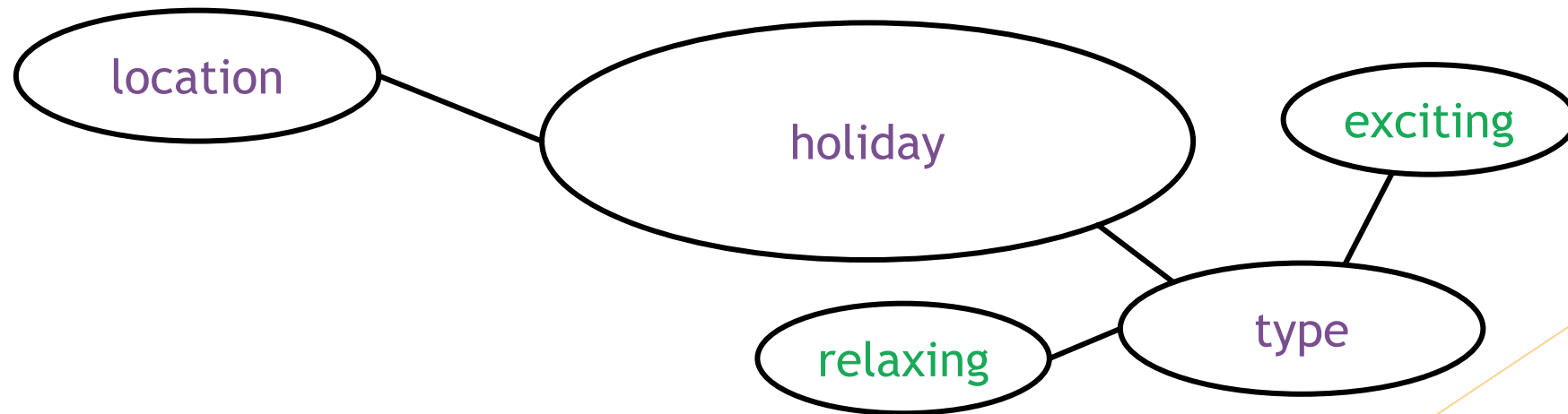
How to create a mind map

- Draw a circle in the middle of the paper or screen and inside write the central theme of the mind map in one word.
- Now think of any idea associated to the theme and create another circle and attach this topic to the first using a line.



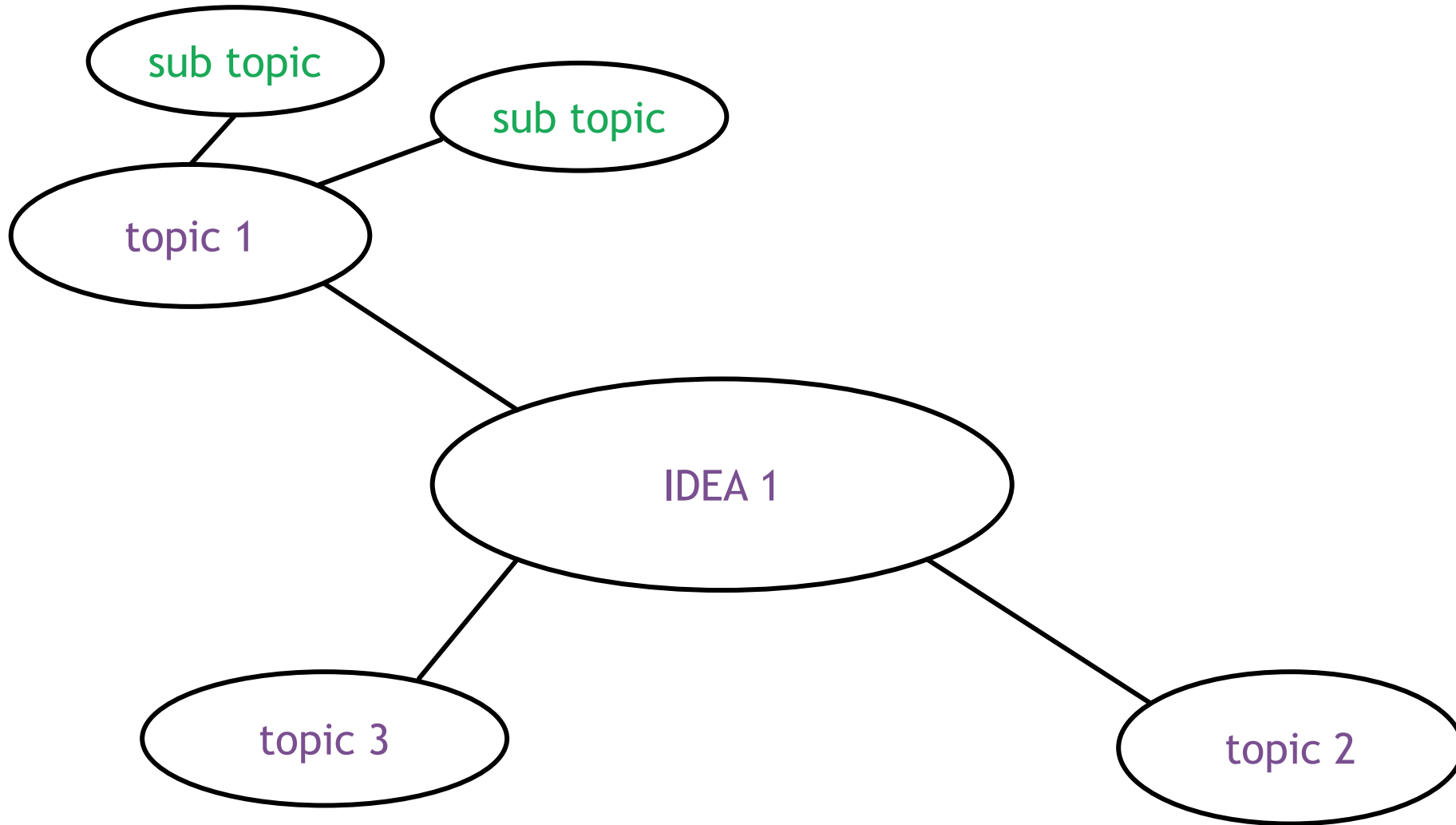
How to create a mind map

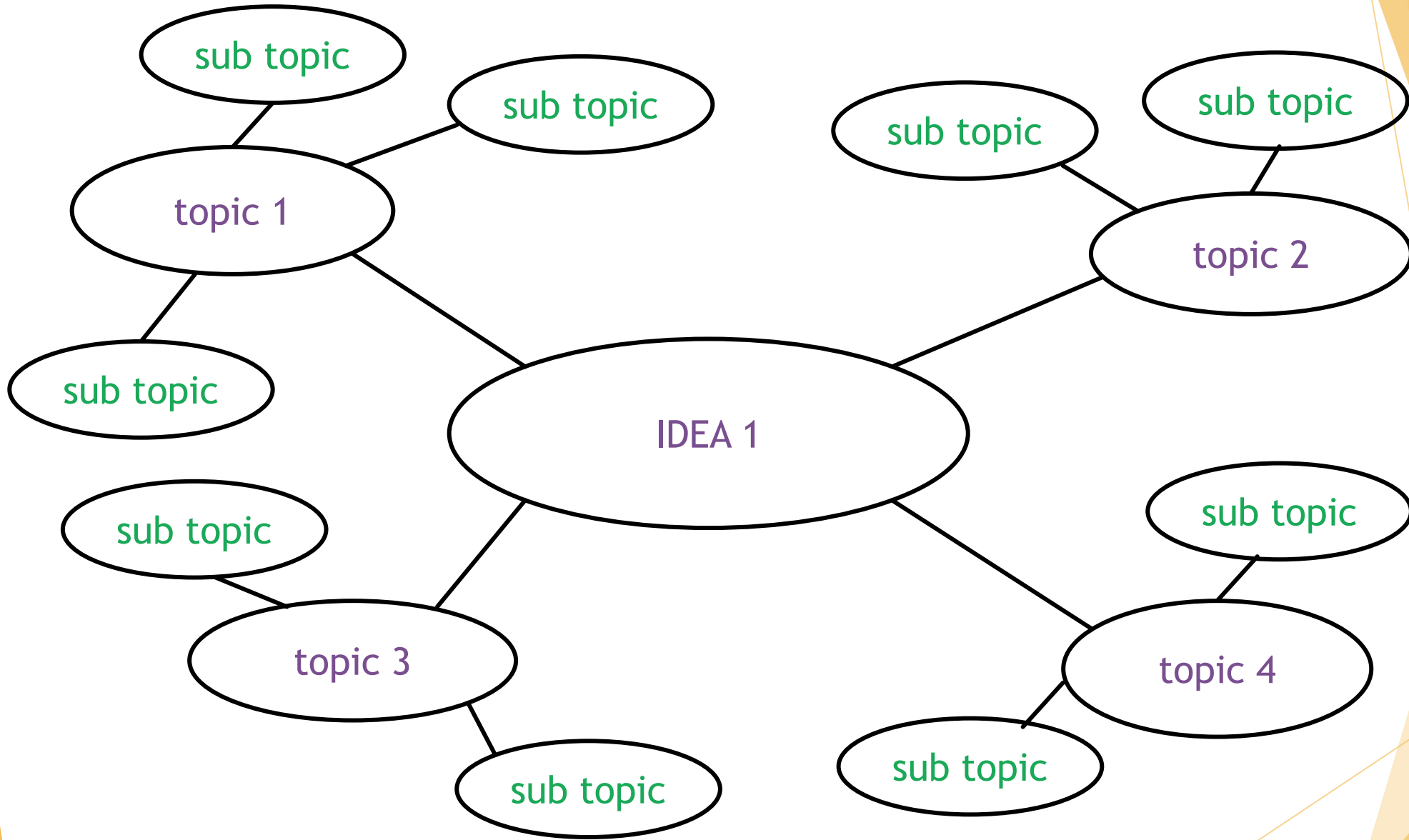
- Continue thinking of ideas and topics and writing them in a circle.
- New and independent topics can be drawn from the central theme, but most ideas can be attached to the most related topic.



How to create a mind map

- Continue thinking of ideas related to one area or sub-topic and create keywords and link them to that topic circle.
- The ideas do not have to be thought of in any order, or drawn in any place, accept linked by a line showing the relationship between topics.
- The final mind map will have a central theme, a range of associated topics, and these topic circles will have attached circles with supporting sub-topics





Assignment

Holiday

Assignment

- Create a mind map
- Related to a holiday
- Listen to background information

Holiday

- Example
- Class mind map
- Each student completes a mind map

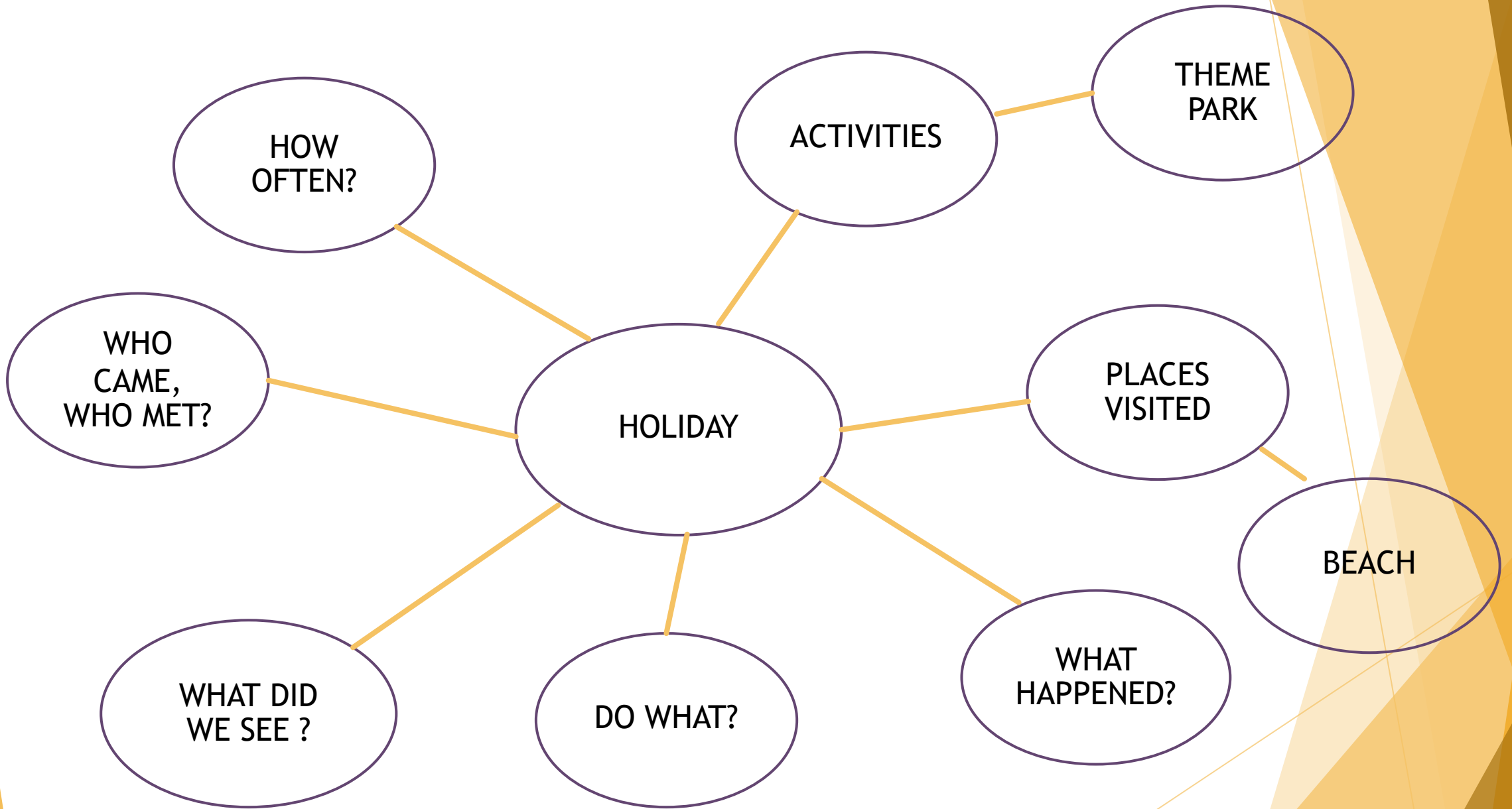
Background

- You are rich & successful
- You can go anywhere in the world
- Do anything
- Take anyone

What things do you need to think about?

Let's draw a mind map together

Class Mind Map



HOW OFTEN?

ACTIVITIES

THEME PARK

PLACES VISITED

BEACH

WHAT HAPPENED?

DO WHAT?

WHAT DID WE SEE ?

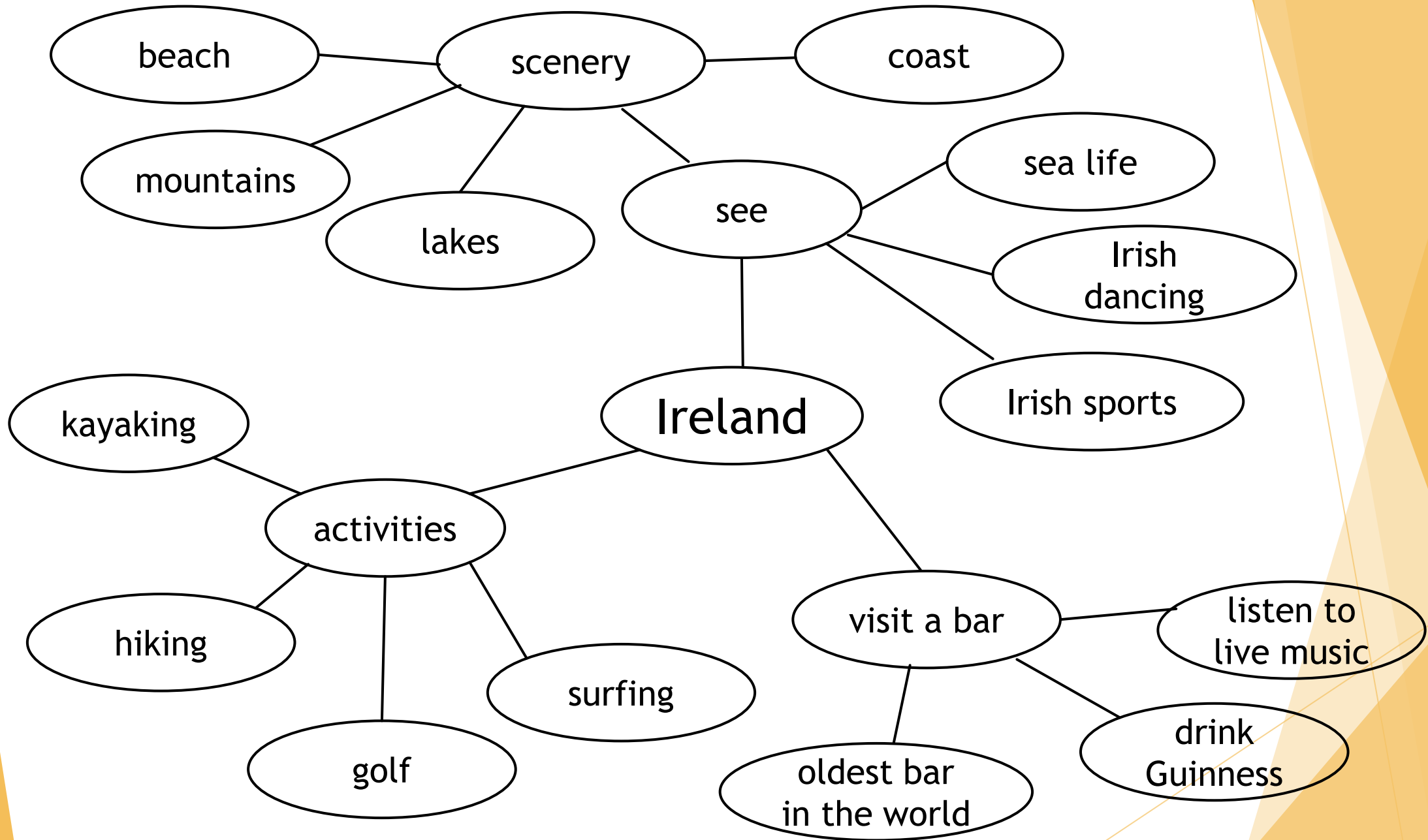
WHO CAME, WHO MET?

HOLIDAY

Instructions

- Draw a mind map
- Can be about either
 1. Your perfect holiday
 2. A holiday at your home city / country

Example



Thank you!
any questions?