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Kidspiration® WalkThrough

Goal

To use *Kidspiration* to create a diagram in Picture view.

Get Started

1. Launch *Kidspiration*. The *Kidspiration* Starter page opens.
2. Click the Picture button under New.
3. A new diagram opens with the first idea symbol selected at the center of your screen.

Create a Title


Delete the words First Idea and type “All About Me” in the middle of the oval symbol.



Save Your Work

1. From the File menu, click Save.
2. Navigate to where you want to save the project. (The desktop is usually a good place.) Type a name for the project, and then click Save.

Add Symbols to Your Diagram

1. Click the *All About Me* symbol to select it. You will know it is selected when the symbol has red squares around it.
2. To add two symbols that are connected to the All About Me symbol, on the Picture toolbar, click the Add Symbol () button twice. Now your diagram should look like this:



3. Click one of the new symbols to select it and then type “pets”.
4. Click the other symbol to select it and then type “sports”.

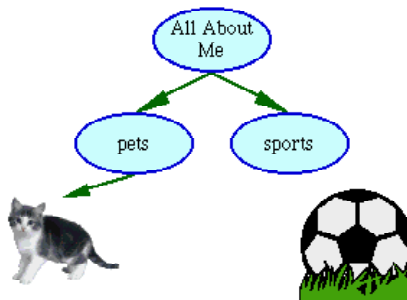
Use the Symbol Palette

1. On the Symbol palette, click the Pick Library button (▼) and then select Animals and Plants.
2. Click the Next Library (▶) button twice and you will see the library containing the kitten symbol. Click and drag the kitten onto your diagram.
3. On the Symbol palette, click the Pick Library (▼) button, and then select School.
4. Click the Next Library (▶) button three times and you will see the symbol library that has the soccer symbol.
5. Drag the soccer symbol onto your diagram.
6. Move the kitten and soccer symbols so your diagram looks like the one below. To move a symbol, select it, and then drag it to the new location.



Connect Symbols Using Links



1. To create a link between the pets symbol and the kitten symbol, from the Picture toolbar, click the Link Symbols button(🔗) to turn it on.
2. Click the pets symbol and then click the kitten symbol. You should now see a link connecting the two.




3. Click the sports symbol to select it and then click the soccer symbol to create a link to it.
4. Click the Link Symbols button to turn it off.

Explore Writing View


1. Click the Go to Writing button (📝) from the Picture toolbar.
2. Notice how the symbols you selected are now written in words in this view.

3. To add an idea, click the Add Idea button () and type “family.”
4. To return to the Picture view, click the Go to Pictures button () from the Picture toolbar. Notice there are now words to label each picture, and the information added while in the writing view does not have a corresponding picture.

Listen to the Ideas in Your Diagram

1. To turn on the listening tool, click the Listen button () from the Picture toolbar.
2. To hear the computer read your title “All About Me,” click the title. Explore the Listening tool by clicking on the symbols and words in your diagram.
3. To turn off the listening tool, click the Listen button again in the Picture toolbar.

Extensions

1. To change the appearance of the diagram text in Picture view, click on your title “Inside and Outside.” (You’ll know it’s selected when red squares appear around the symbol.)
2. From the Formatting Toolbar at the bottom of the window, click on the blue arrow pointing up that’s to the right of the number 14 (). Click the up arrow twice and notice how the text size increases to 24. Explore the features of the Formatting toolbar to change the text style and color.
3. Return to the *Kidspiration* Starter Page by clicking the *Kidspiration* icon above the Symbol Palette. Explore the different subject specific categories under Activities.

Want some great classroom ideas using *Kidspiration*? Check out the *Kidspiration* Web site at: <http://www.kidspiration.com>

Curriculum Applications

What are ways that you could integrate *Kidspiration* into your classroom curriculum? List your ideas below.

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