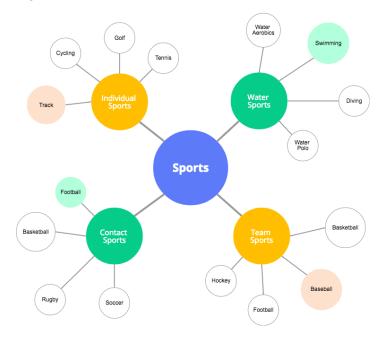
## **Concept Mapping**

Create a visual representation of your understanding of the material in your course. This strategy can be especially helpful in courses that rely more heavily on deeper conceptual understanding of several topics and how they are related to one another.

## Creating a Concept Map:

- 1. Start by selecting a topic for review.
- 2. Create branches from the main topic for sub-topics, and additional branches to represent details and examples.
- 3. Draw connecting lines to show related information and include additional notes as needed.



## **Uses for Concept Mapping:**

- Decompose a complex topic and identify questions you have or gaps in your knowledge (areas for focused review or academic support)
- Summarize your learning after reading or attending lecture, focusing on essential details and connections amongst topics
- Create a "brain dump" of everything you know about a topic when reviewing for an exam

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