
Total Recall: Mind Map

VERSION: 5.0

PUBLISHER: Zyense

Target Audience:

Middle school to High School

Curriculum:

This could be used in a variety of ways in the classroom. Students could use this to create assignments for English or Social Studies where they are linking between people or books. They could use it to brainstorm writing assignments. They can use it to help them write papers by putting their thoughts together.

It could be used for students to take notes within the classroom.

It could be used for group assignments where each student links what work they did to the main project.

COST: FREE

This app costs nothing to use.

There are no in-app fees.

Software Description:

This is a mind map creator. It can be used to create mind maps and to share them with others. It is easy to organize things with and offers colors to help decode and declutter thoughts. It has unlimited sizes for the maps and it has lots of shapes, colors, sizes, and symbols that can be used to easily showcase student thoughts.

It starts off with a mind map that is a tutorial for using it. It has a lot of white space and simple symbols to get to each part. It has an undo button in the upper right corner of the screen. It has a play button that moves the mind map bubbles across the screen. It has a - button that lets you link or delete links between bubbles/thoughts. It has a + button that lets you add bubbles/thoughts. To the right when you click the + or - it has a done or cancel button that lets you stop doing that.

If you hit the back button it pops up a sidebar or pop-up menu that has rows for each mind map you create. It has an edit button that lets you move them around (organizing them) or delete them. It has a plus button for you to create new ones.

If you create a new one, it will ask you to start by writing the title.

Impressions:

This app is a simplified version of Inspiration. It is easy to work with and has nice colors. It automatically puts the colors of the bubbles in random pastel colors but you can change the colors of the buttons. You can swipe between bubbles to create links between them. This makes it easy for students to write down their brainstorming and then arrange it into appropriate links.

The screen design is good and easy on the eyes. There isn't much navigation but there isn't really much needed as there aren't a lot of pages to go to within this app. There are no sound effects. There is no feedback for this app but it isn't necessary. It is fast and works well.

It isn't a bad app but it is pretty simple and you cannot do a lot with it. Unlike Inspiration, you cannot add pictures or a lot of symbols to your mind maps. You also cannot arrange the mind map other than just moving things around. It works for simple things but for older students, Inspiration may be better. If it's a fast assignment, this app would be great. You cannot add a bubble and then link it to one from an earlier bubble so you would need to really think about what you're typing and know what comes first.

Does it pass:

Yes!