

How to Research and Prepare

an

Oral Presentation





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Step 1

Decide on your topic.

- **Brainstorm. What people or things are you interested in?**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- **Explore these potential topics. Check out books from the library or look for reputable sources on the internet.**

- **What topic did you decide on? Write it here.**

- **What questions do you most want to answer about your topic?**

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

- **Anything else you would like to know?**

Step 2 Research your topic and take notes.

You will need to use 3-5 sources for your research.
Examples of sources are: books, newspaper articles, websites, encyclopedias, documentaries and interviews.

List the title of your source here. Circle the type of source you used.

1. _____

Book/Magazine
/Encyclopedia



Website



Documentary



Interview



Newspaper



2. _____

Book/Magazine
/Encyclopedia



Website



Documentary



Interview



Newspaper



3. _____

Book/Magazine
/Encyclopedia



Website



Documentary



Interview



Newspaper



4. _____

Book/Magazine
/Encyclopedia



Website



Documentary



Interview



Newspaper



5. _____

Book/Magazine
/Encyclopedia



Website



Documentary



Interview



Newspaper



Step 2 Continued....



When you take notes, you should not write words down exactly as they appear unless you use "quotation marks". Put notes in your own words when possible.

Lions are family animals and truly social in their own communities. They usually live in groups of 15 or more animals called prides.

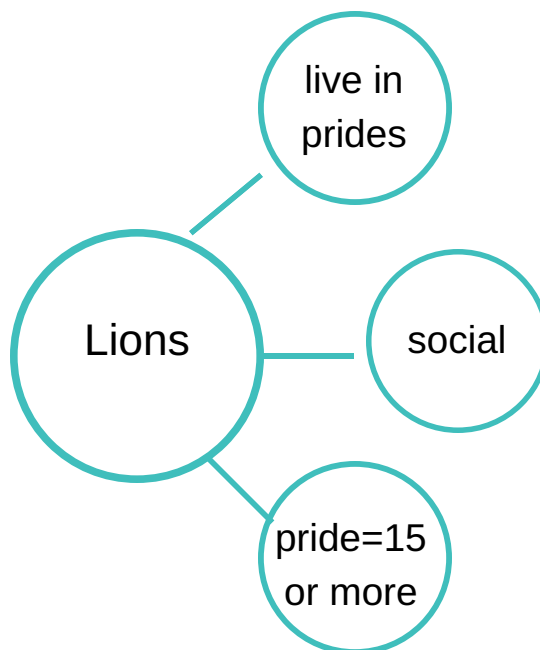
Your notes: Lions are social animals.
They live in groups called prides.
Prides usually have 15 or more lions.

Direct quote: "Lions are family animals and truly social in their own communities. They usually live in groups of 15 or more animals called prides."



Complete sentences are not needed when taking notes. You can use phrases, lists, pictures or webbing.

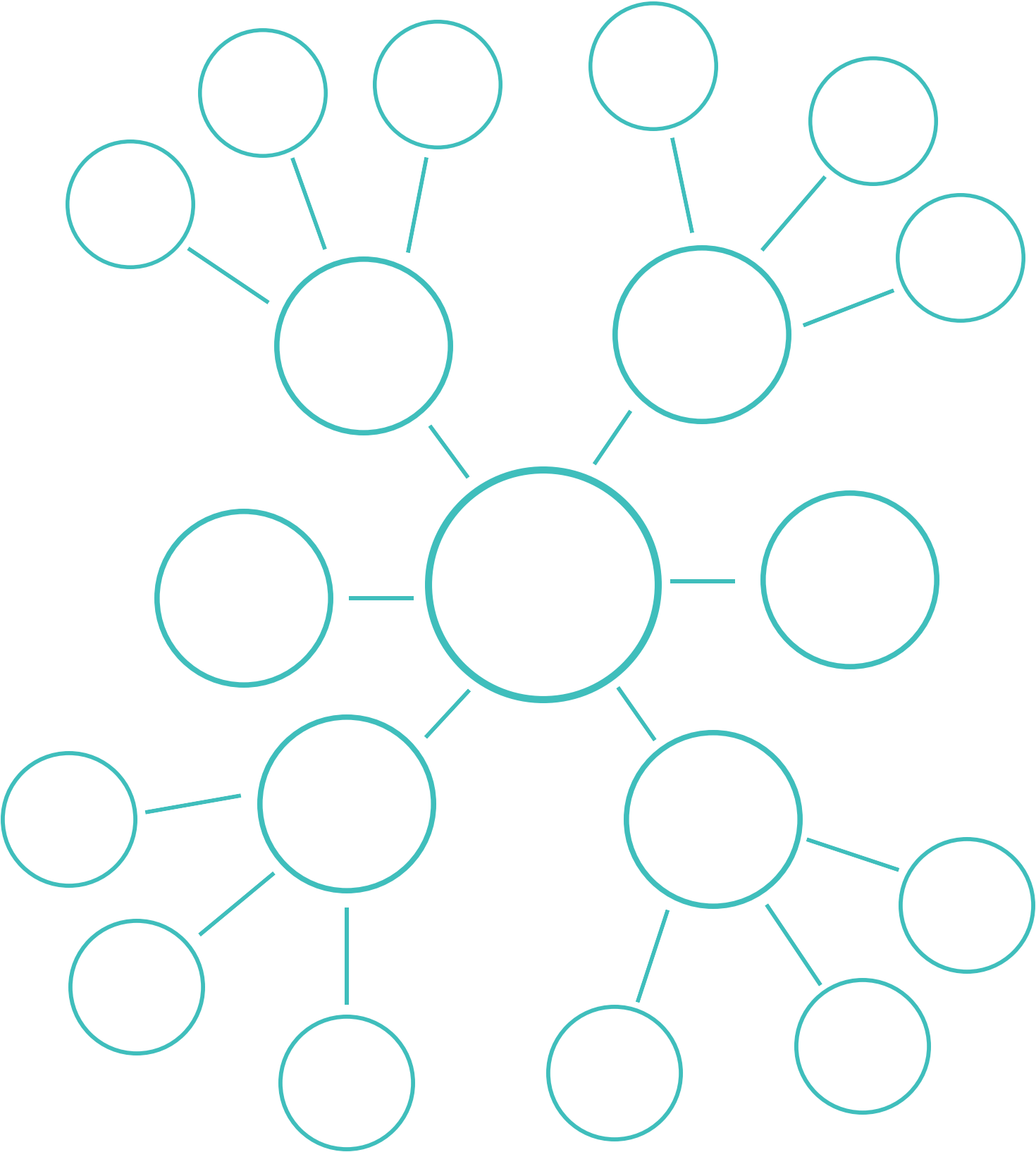
- Lions are social animals
- They live in prides.
- Prides usually have 15 or more lions.



Pride = 15 or more lions living together

Step 2

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Step 3 Brainstorm your visual display.



Your visual display can be more than just a poster!
List all ideas you have here including costumes, props, poster ideas, dioramas, food, etc.

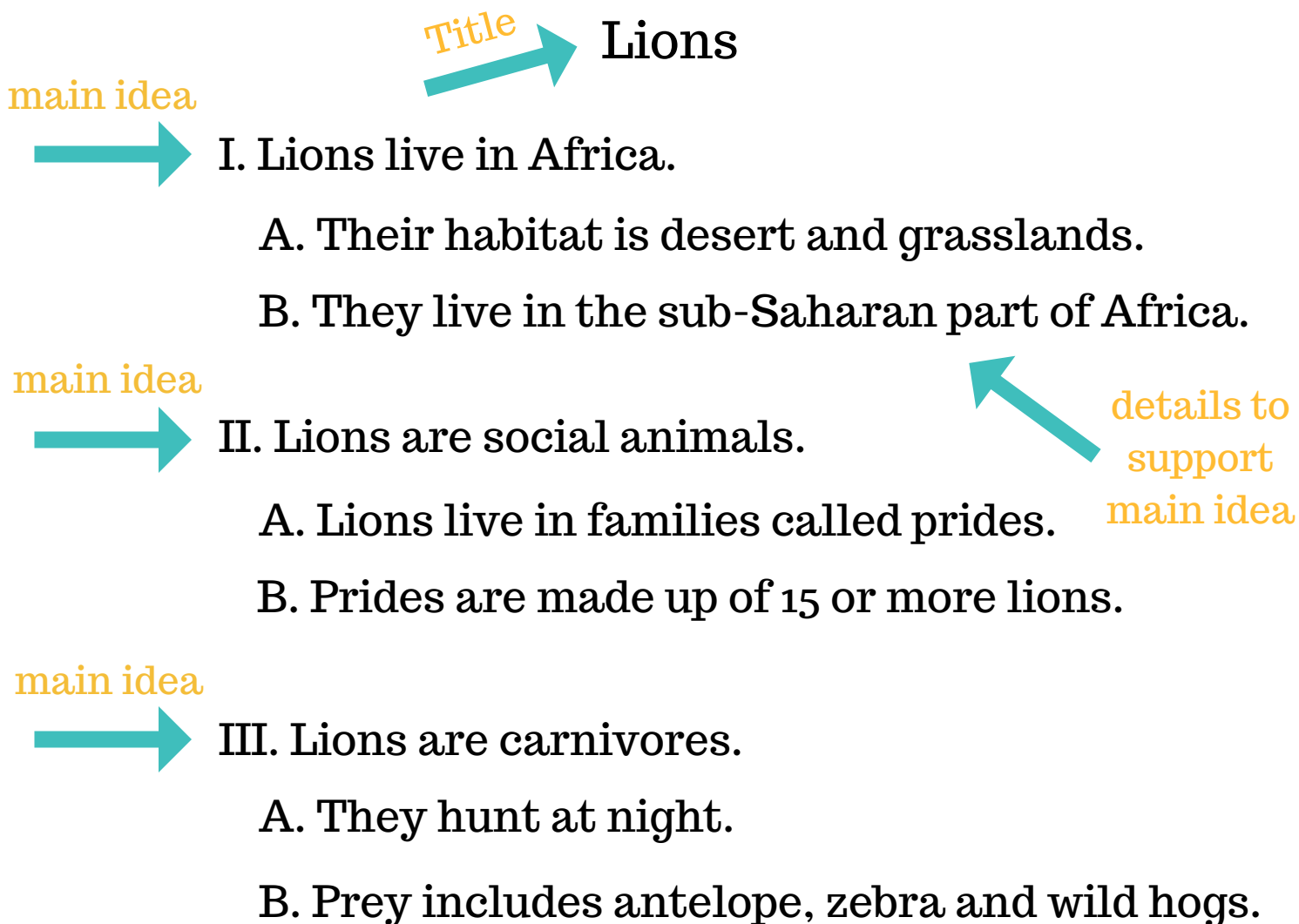
Sketch Ideas:

List Ideas:

● Need to buy:

Step 4 Create an outline.

- Begin with a title.
- Write your thesis statement. This is the main point of your paper. Ex: Lions are beautiful and interesting animals.
- List your 3 main ideas to support your thesis. Use Roman numerals.
- Add details to each main idea. Make sure you have at least 2-3 details for each main idea. If you add additional details, use A,B,C and then 1,2,3.



Step 4

Create an outline.

I. Introduction

Thesis: _____

II. _____

A. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

C. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

III. _____

A. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

C. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Step 4 Create an outline.

IV. _____
A. _____
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
B. _____
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
C. _____
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
V. Conclusion

Before moving on to the next step, read over your outline.

- Do you have three main ideas?
- Do they support your thesis statement?
- Have you looked over your spelling?
- Did you remember to start all sentences with a capital letter and use proper punctuation?

Great job! You're ready to write your paper!!

Step 5 Write your research paper.

▶ Your report should have 5 paragraphs.

- Paragraph 1: Introduction
- Paragraph 2: Main idea
- Paragraph 3: Main idea
- Paragraph 4: Main idea
- Paragraph 5: Conclusion

When you are finished with your rough draft, turn it in to Mom to be edited. Finally, we will sit down together and type your final draft.



Congratulations!!

