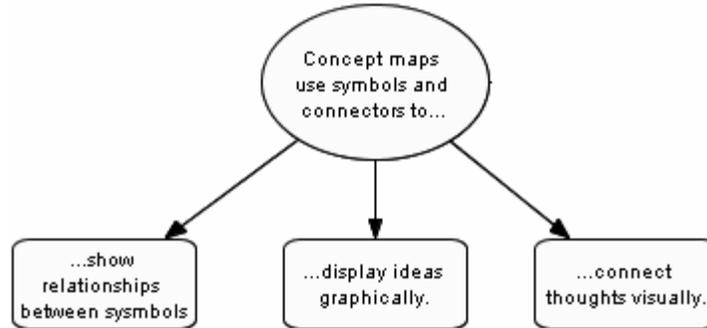


SMART Ideas™ Concept-Mapping Software Basics

SMART Ideas software lets you capture interconnected ideas as a concept map and share that map with others.

What Is a Concept Map?



Creating Symbols with SMART Ideas Software

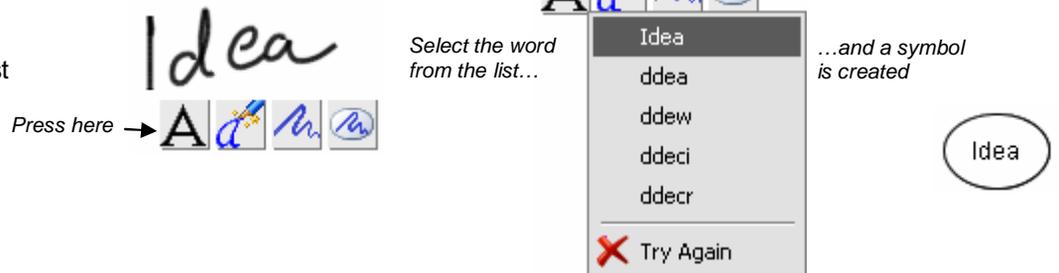
Open SMART Ideas software and select **Blank Diagram**.

- 1 Type *Create a symbol*.
- 2 Press **Enter**.



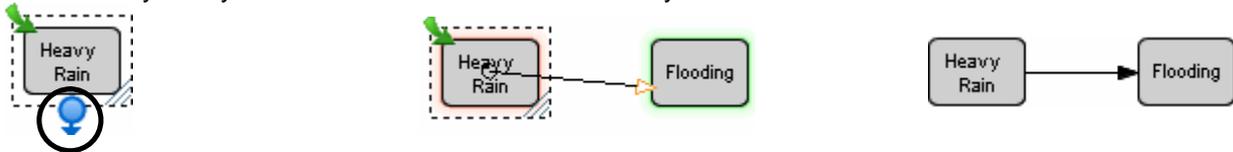
If you are writing on a SMART Board interactive whiteboard...

- 1 Write the word *Idea*.
- 2 Press the **A** button.
- 3 Select the word from the list to create a symbol.



Linking Symbols with Connectors

Select the symbol you would like to connect to another symbol.



1. Select the connector icon.
2. Drag it to the symbol you would like to link
3. A connector will link the symbols

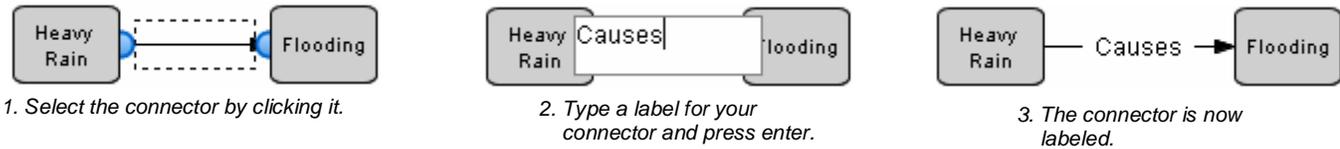
If you are working on a SMART Board interactive whiteboard simply draw a line to connect your symbols.



1. Draw a line from one symbol to the other symbol.
2. A connector will link the symbols

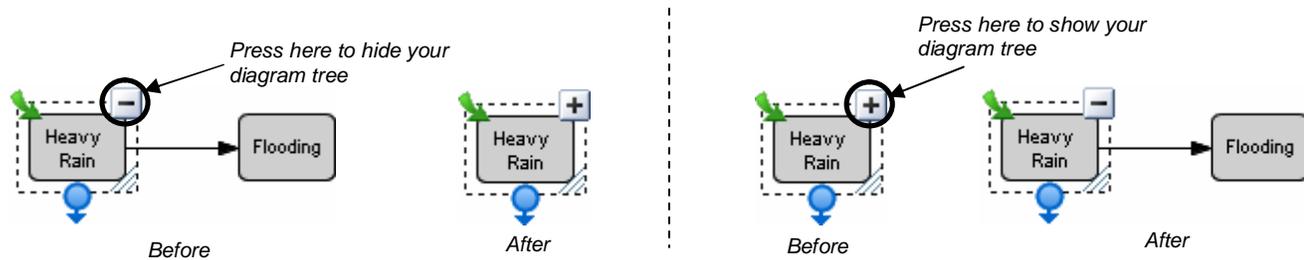
Labeling Connectors

Label a connector to show how ideas relate to one another.



Showing and Hiding Diagram Trees

Select a symbol that is linked to another symbol. You can now show or hide that diagram tree.

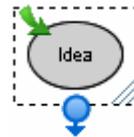


Creating Layered Diagrams

You can create an unlimited number of sublevels within your diagram that provide more information about specific ideas. Each sublevel contains a new diagram, all within your original SMART Ideas file.

Creating a new sublevel

- 1 Press the green arrow in the top left corner of the selected symbol.
- 2 A new blank work space will open. Create your sublevel diagram.
- 3 When you are working on a sublevel, use the links that appear in the top left corner of the workspace to navigate back to your main diagram.
- 4 Press the green arrow on your symbol anytime to return to the diagram's sublevel.



Linking Your Concept Map to Websites and Files

You may want to refer to other resources. With SMART Ideas software, it's easy to link to websites and other files located on your computer or network.

Creating a hyperlink

- 1 Select a symbol.
- 2 Press the **Add Link**  button in the SMART Ideas toolbar.
- 3 Choose **Web page**, **File** or **Level** in the dialogue box that appears.
- 4 Enter where you would the link to bring the user and press **OK**.

A link icon appears on your symbol.

