

# *Step-by-Step* Creating Storyboards Using Inspiration

Inspiration helps you organize your thoughts using webs, maps, and outlines. You can create pictures of concepts or ideas so that you can see how one idea relates to the others. The visual maps can be designed in a variety of ways. In this Step-by-Step Card, you will use Inspiration to create a storyboard about yourself.

## **Designing your storyboard**

### **Creating a new document**

- 1** Open the Inspiration application.  
An untitled document in the Diagram view appears with the Main Idea symbol already selected.
- 2** Type the main idea for the story web, “My Biography.” After you have typed the topic, click the background to end the text entry.

All other ideas will be connected to the Main Idea symbol.

### **Creating symbols**

In this storyboard, you will focus on your family, what you do for work, and what you like to do for fun. Begin by creating symbols for each of those categories.

- 1** Click the My Biography symbol.



- 2 Place the pointer over the Create button on the Diagram toolbar.

Note that there are two Create buttons.



One Create button has vertical and horizontal arrows and the other has diagonal arrows. When you point to an arrow on a Create button, it is highlighted to show you in which direction the new idea symbol will be created.

- 3 Click the down arrow on the Create button. A new idea symbol is created below the My Biography symbol.



The new symbol is linked to the My Biography symbol. When you create a new symbol while an existing symbol is selected, the new symbol is automatically linked to the selected symbol.

- 4 Type “Work” in the new symbol.
- 5 Select the My Biography symbol; then click the right diagonal arrow on the Create button with diagonal arrows.
- 6 Type “Fun” into the new symbol.
- 7 Select the My Biography symbol and click the right horizontal arrow on the Create button that has vertical and horizontal arrows.
- 8 Type “Family.”

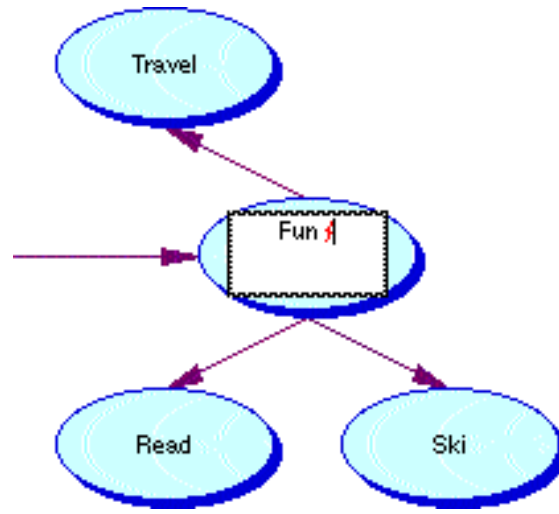
Another way to quickly add symbols when you are brainstorming is to use the RapidFire button on the Diagram toolbar.

- 9 Select the Fun symbol, then click the RapidFire button.



A small red bolt appears in the text box of the Fun symbol.

- 10 Type two or three things that you do for fun. Use the Return key to separate your ideas.



Notice that separate symbols are created for the different activities you do for fun.

- 11 Click the RapidFire button again when you are done entering information.
- 12 Repeat steps 9–11 with the Work symbol and the Family symbol.

### Connecting symbols

- 1 Click the Link button on the Diagram toolbar.



The pointer becomes a two-headed arrow.

- 2 Select the Family symbol, and then select one of the things you like to do for fun. Click the background when you are done making connections.

## Switching to Outline view

- 1 Click the Outline tool on the toolbar to view your storyboard as an outline.



Any changes you make to your storyboard while viewing it as an outline are reflected in the storyboard.

- 2 Save your storyboard.
- 3 Quit the Inspiration application.