


# Kidspiration 2 Basics

Students can create graphic organizers by combining pictures, text and spoken words. They can visualize, organize and categorize information and then turn it into writing.

Open Kidspiration from the Dock   
The Main Menu opens:

Click here to start a new project in the writing view.

Click here to start a new organizer.

Open a project you already started and saved or to find more examples of student activities.

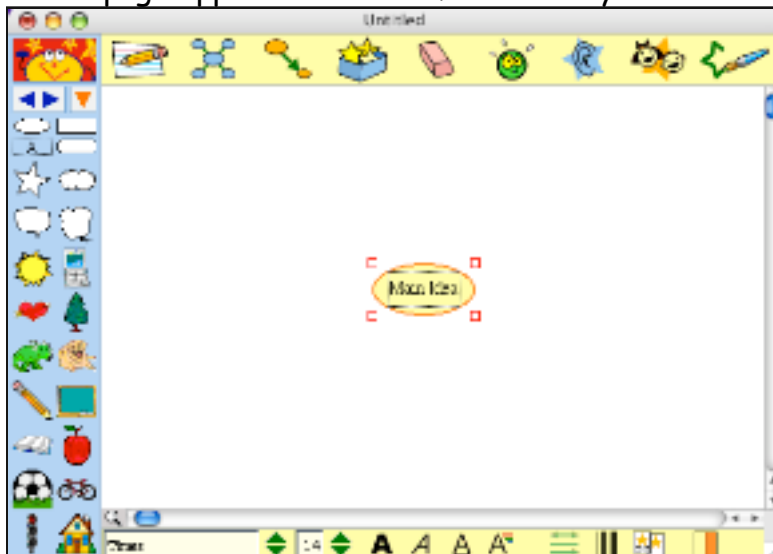
Open a project activity.




## Make an original New Map:

Click on the New Picture Icon. 

- A new page appears with the first idea symbol:

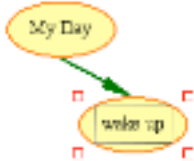




- Highlight the text and type in the name of the new project.
- Click on the Add Symbol icon to add an idea.  Each circle symbol holds a different idea or detail.



- Click on the new symbol to select it, Type in the new idea.



- To add a detail to the last idea, click on the Add Symbol. Then type the new detail.



- To add an different idea to the main idea, click on the main idea (title) again, then click on the Add Symbol. The new symbol appears connected to the last symbol you selected.




- Continue to add ideas. You can drag the symbols to a new location if needed.




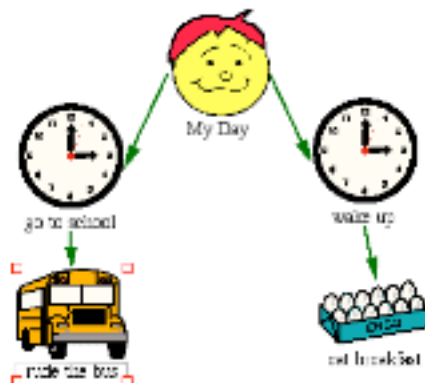
- If you want to add an idea that isn't connected to the first title symbol, just click on the spot where you want a new independent idea to go and a new symbol box will appear.



Click on the Ear  to hear what you have written. Then click on each idea to hear the words.

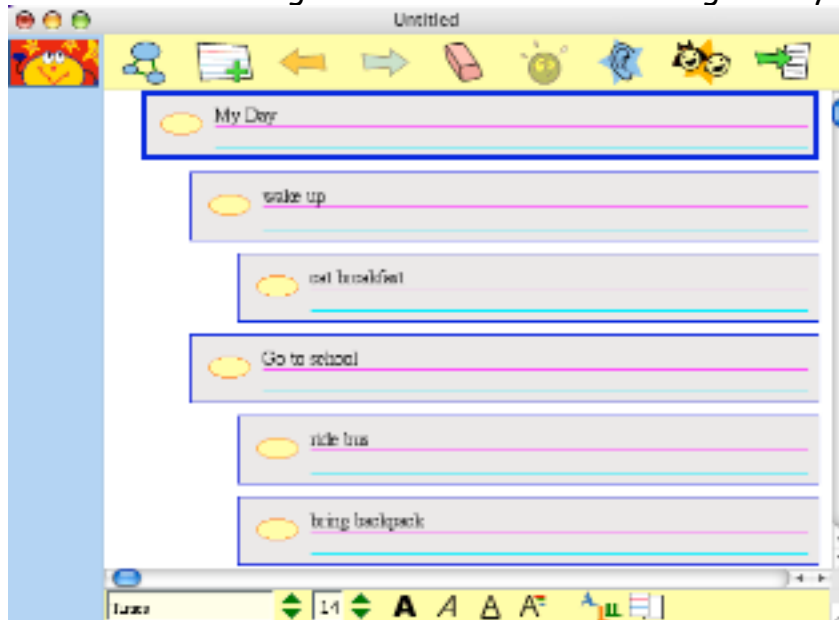
### Change the idea symbols into pictures:


- Click on the symbol you wish to change.
- From the graphics toolbox, cycle through the many pictures with the arrows.
- Or use the down arrow  to see a printed list of available graphics.
- Click on the graphic you wish to use and it will replace the symbol you have selected. For example, change the circle symbol to a rectangle or a face:



## Turn the map into writing:

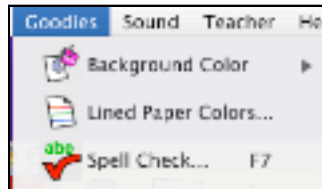
- Click on the Writing Icon to work on the writing from your idea map.



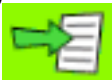
- Add to your ideas by typing more.
- Change the order of the ideas by dragging the ideas to a new location.
- Add your name to the page by clicking on the Add Name icon 

## Check the spelling

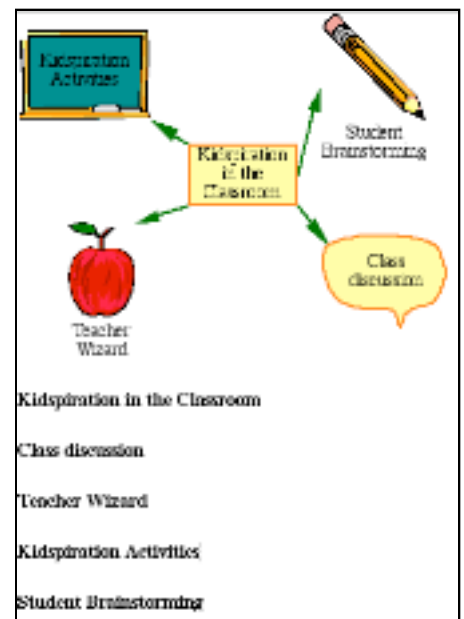
- From the Goodies Menu at the top of the screen, select Spell Check:

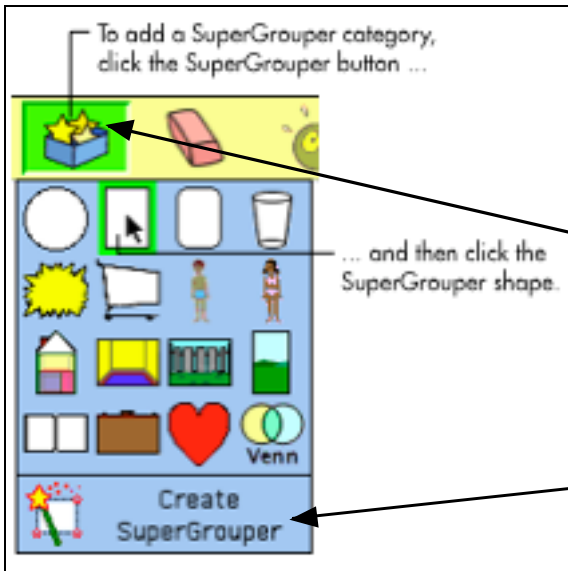


## Publish

- The publish option is only available in the **Writing Mode**.
- Click on the Publish icon  and your map and writing will be copied to Appleworks. (You will have to set Appleworks as the publish application - see teacher options directions below)
- Save in your documents folder.
- Print.

The Save option from the Edit Menu will save only the text (not the map) in an outline form.





**Super Grouper** - Unlike maps, SuperGrouper categories let students simply sort ideas into their respective categories using pictures or words. A Venn diagram is an example of a SuperGrouper.

To add a SuperGrouper, click on SuperGrouper from the Menu.

To make a new SuperGrouper shape:

- Select a shape from the library
- From the SuperGrouper Menu, click Create SuperGrouper.

## Teacher Options:

### Preferred Publish Application:

- From the top Menu, select Teacher
- Click Enable the Teacher menu

<p>1. Select Applications Options</p>	<p>2. Change Preferred Application from Microsoft Office to Appleworks</p>
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### Activity Wizard

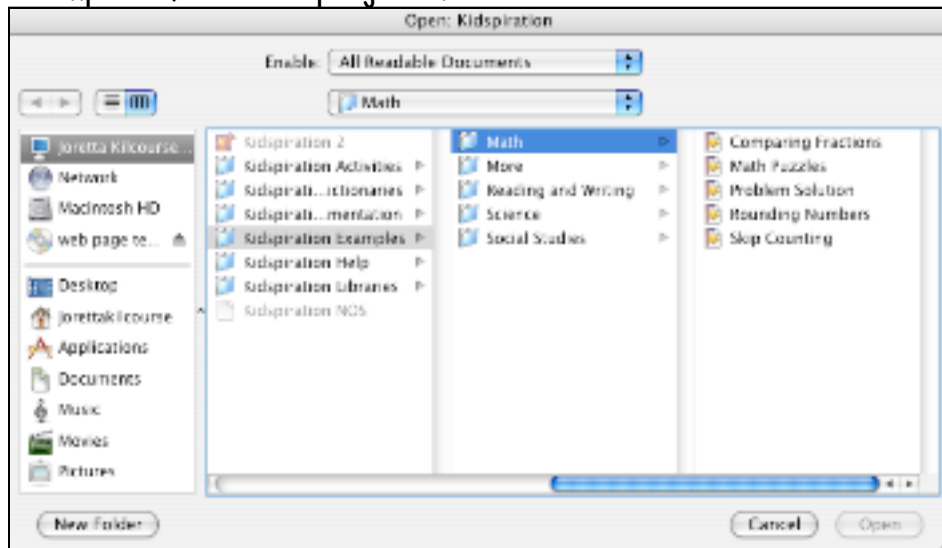
- From the Teacher Menu, select Activity Wizard
- Follow the screen directions to create your own Kidspiration Activity to share with your students.

### Locked Items

- Select the item in the activity (map or writing view) you wish to lock.
- From the Teacher Menu, select Locked Item.
- Students will not be able to change the locked item in the activity.

## Ideas

- Try the **Activities Menus** to find projects in **Reading and Writing, Math, Social Studies, Science, and More.**
- Teachers can also build an activity and save it for students to complete. Once the server is in place, drag the activity in the **Hand OUT** folder for students to share.
- Adapt activities already created in Kidspiration and save with a new name.
- Click on **Open Files** from the **Main Menu** and navigate to more examples of student projects.



## FYI - need more directions?

- Use the Kidspiration Help Menu to learn how to do the additional tasks in Kidspiration 2
- **A Printable step by step Tutorial can be found at**  
<http://www.inspiration.com/tutorials/index.cfm?fuseaction=kids>
- Go to the web site for a tutorial movie about Kidspiration  
[http://www.inspiration.com/productinfo/kidspiration/interactive\\_demo/dswmedia/kids2tutorial.html](http://www.inspiration.com/productinfo/kidspiration/interactive_demo/dswmedia/kids2tutorial.html)

## Other tricks in Kidspiration include:

- Add links between symbol or Drag and drop ideas to a new location
- Change colors and fonts
- Draw own symbols to use in a map
- Record voice
- Create your own graphics library
- Save map as a graphic and export to another document.
- Save map as a web page.