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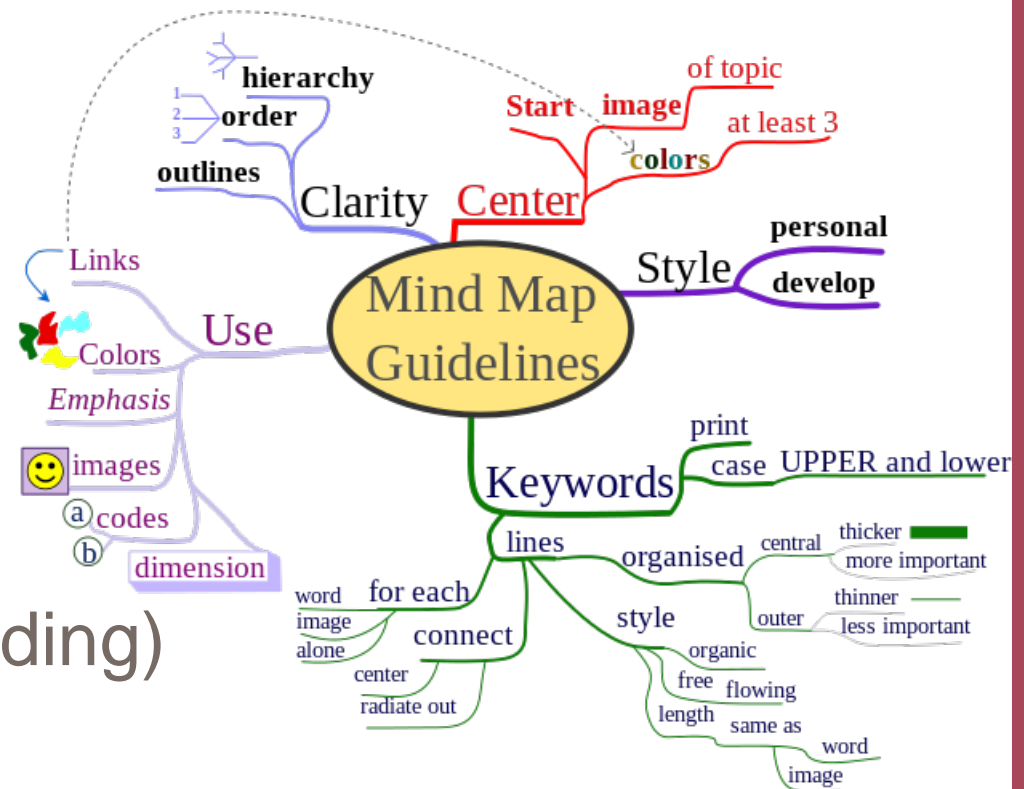
Using (digital) mind maps for teaching vocabulary, translation & creative writing

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What are mind maps?

- Organizational charts arranged “center-out”

- To focus or structure ideas
- To show relations between terms (deeper understanding)

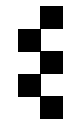


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Added value of digital maps?

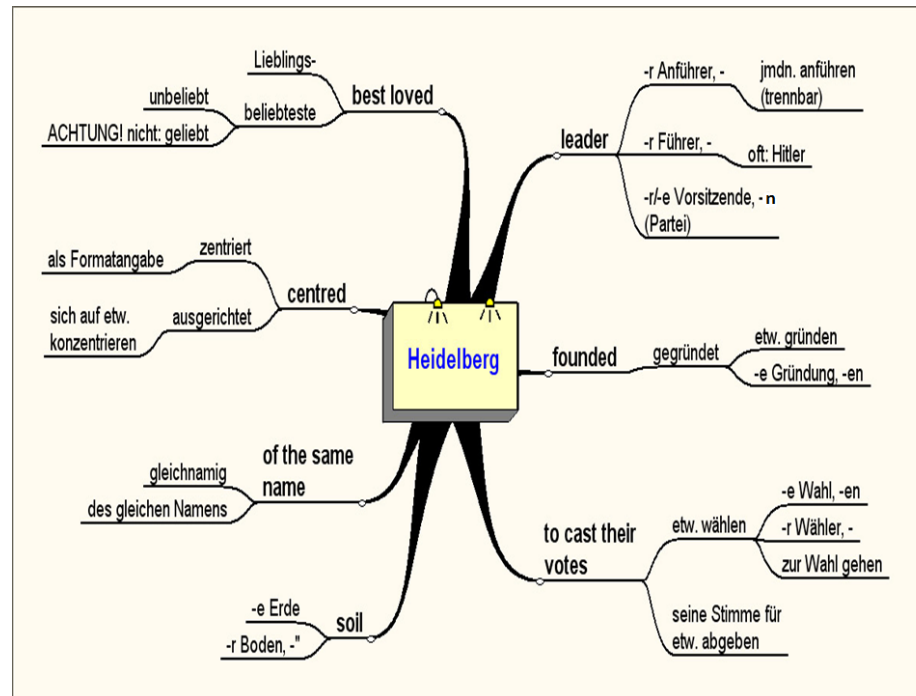
- neater handwriting
- colours, fonts, pictures, hyperlinks ...
- expanding/collapsing branches
- easier error correction and re-arranging
- collaborating & exporting → re-use

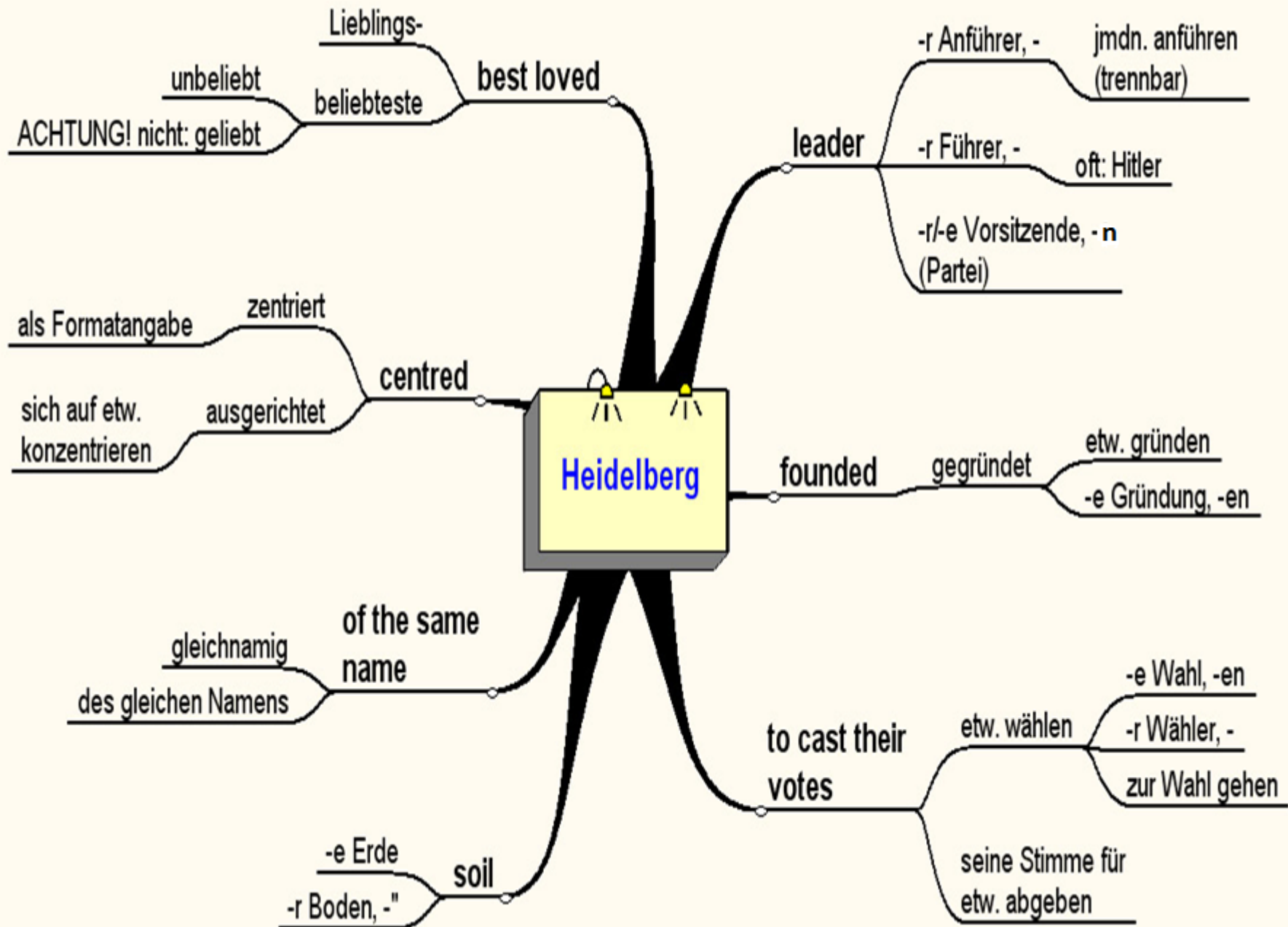
→ The **use** determines the added value, not necessarily the software itself



Scenario 1: translation practice

- collaboratively analysing common pitfalls (see example by [U of Cambridge](#))
- creating an organised (visual) study guide





Scenario 2: vocabulary learning

- **Analyse** and **show** semantic relations, e.g.

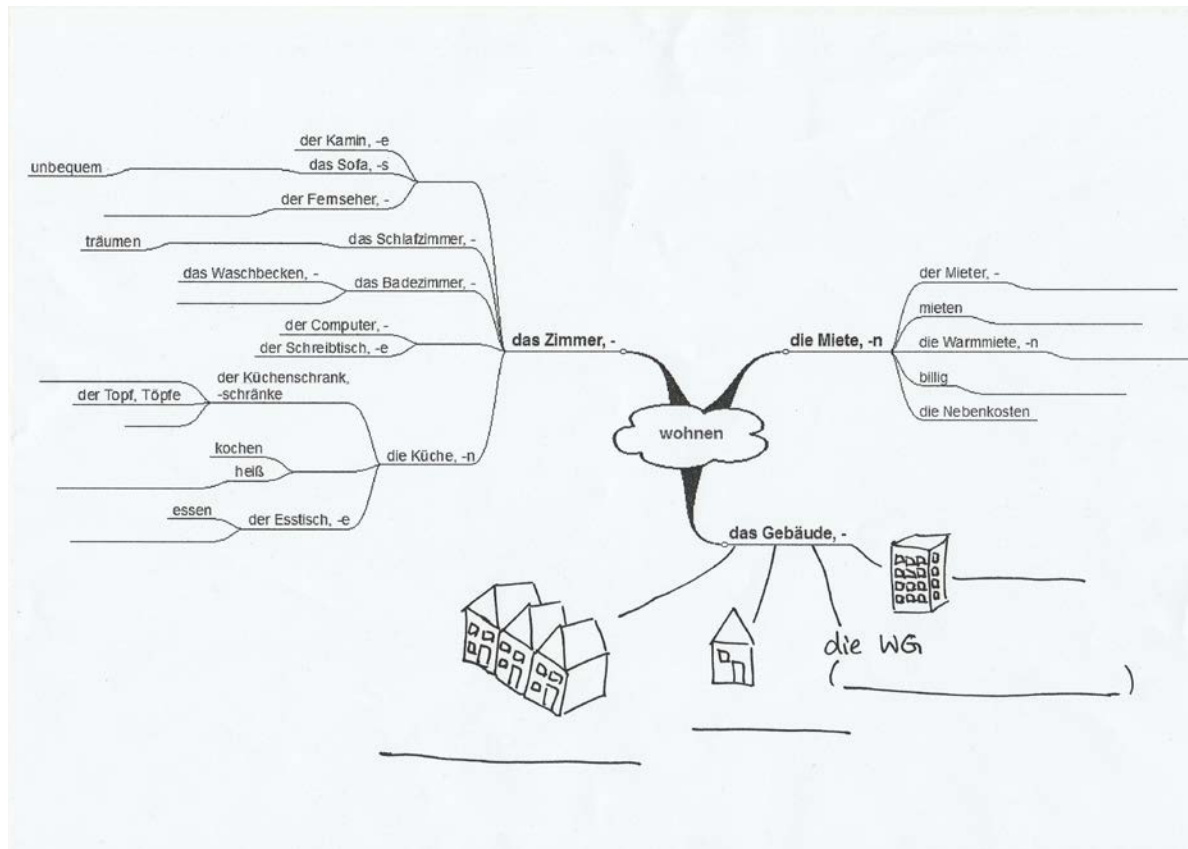
- word families
- grouping
- synonyms
- collocations
- ...

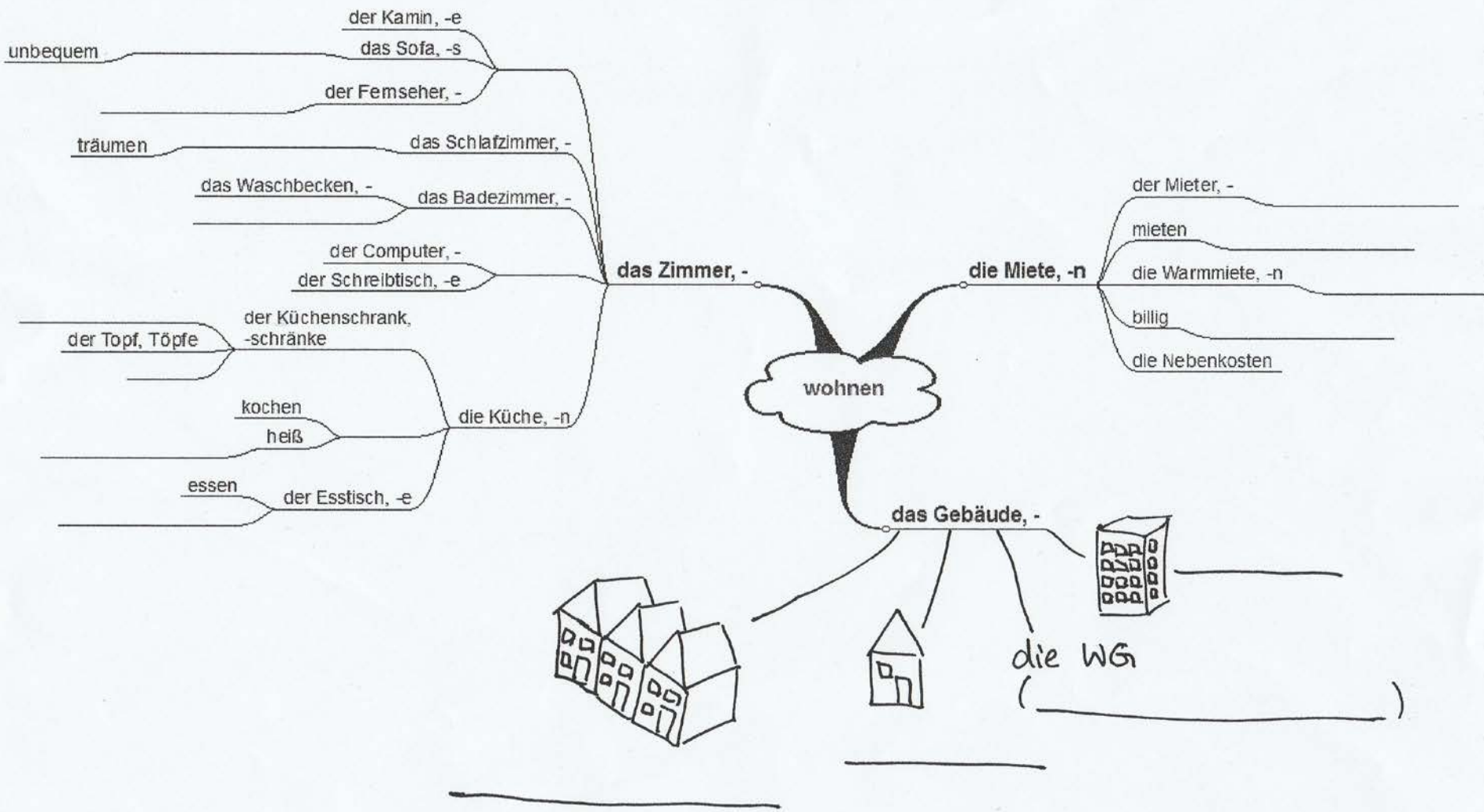


→ Promote deeper structural understanding of the language

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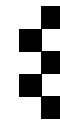
- Test semantic relations and **aid** memory





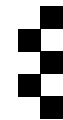
Scenario 3: creative writing

- Brainstorm and activate vocabulary



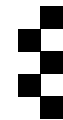
Scenario 3: creative writing

- Brainstorm and activate vocabulary
- Scaffold the writing process
- Create a visual structure of the text (e.g. focussed on chronology, causality, processes, exemplifications, ...)



Some general guidelines

- Train how to use the technique (and the software)
 - provide feedback & resources (thesaurus, dictionaries, etc.)
 - analysing through peer-assessment?
- For digital software:
 - provide logins
 - special characters?

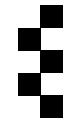


Over to you...

- Do you think you will use mind maps in your teaching?
 - If yes, how so?
 - If no, why not?

Which software is available?

- [mind42](#) (Web) - free; collaborative
- [coggle.it](#) (Web – Google account necessary) - free public diagrams; collaborative
- [bubbl.us](#) (Web, iOS app) - commercial; 3 mind maps for free; sharing but not collaborating
- [mindmeister](#) (Web, iOS app) - commercial; 3 mind maps for free; collaborative
- [mindmapper](#) (Win) - commercial, collaborative – up to 10 users per session





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感谢您

Gracias!

Danke!

Спасибо

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Obrigado!

Grazie!

Merci!

Thank you!

Any questions?