

## *Step-by-Step*

# Creating a Diagram in Picture View With Kidspiration

With Kidspiration, younger students can easily represent ideas, information, and concepts visually. Kidspiration is similar to Inspiration but is tailored to students in kindergarten through third grade.

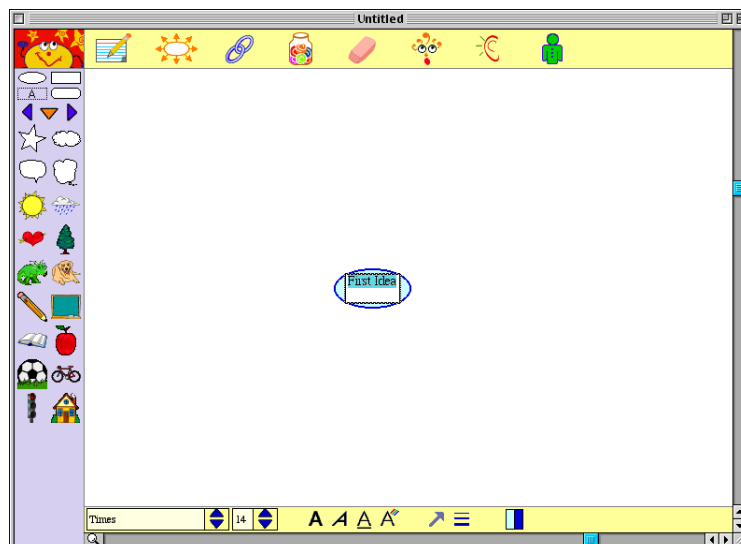
The program's Picture view allows students to create simple maps, webs, and other visual learning diagrams. A library of over 12,000 symbols is included. In Writing view, students' ideas are presented in text organized by topic level.

In this Step-by-Step Card, you will learn how to create a new Kidspiration diagram in Picture view, listen to the diagram's ideas, and then view the diagram in Writing view.

## **Creating a new Kidspiration document**

- 1** Open Kidspiration.
- 2** In the Kidspiration Start window, click the Picture button under New. (You can start in either Picture view or Writing view.)

An untitled Picture view document appears with the text in the First Idea symbol selected. The Picture toolbar is at the top of the window and the Symbol palette is at the left. The Formatting toolbar is at the bottom of the window.



- 3 Type the main idea for the diagram, “What I do for fun.”

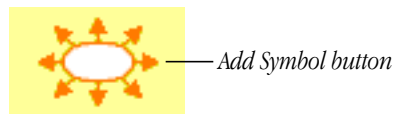
After you type the topic, click the diagram background to end the text entry.

- 4 Choose Save from the File menu. Name your diagram and click Save. Each time you save you will be asked to replace the existing work.

### Creating symbols that contain text

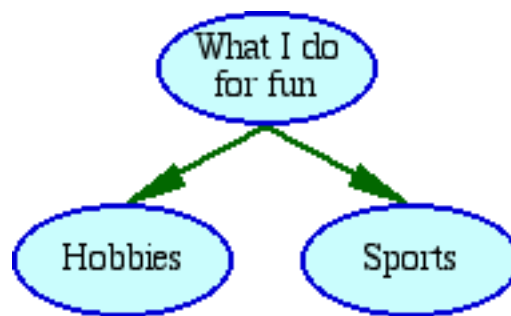
Next, you will create symbols that describe ways that you spend your leisure time. Each of these symbols will be connected to the First Idea symbol.

- 1 Click the “What I do for fun” symbol. Then click the Add Symbol button on the Picture toolbar.



A new symbol appears. (When you click a symbol before you click the Add Symbol button, the new symbol will be linked to the selected symbol.)

- 2 Click in the new symbol and type “Sports.”
- 3 Click to select the “What I do for fun” symbol, then click the Add Symbol button.
- 4 Click in the new symbol and type “Hobbies.”



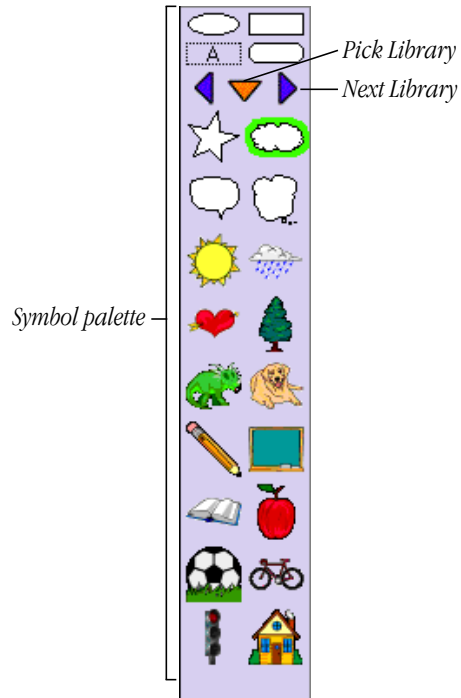
- 5 Add one or two more symbols that describe other ways you spend your leisure time, such as “Entertainment” or “Pets.”

**Note:** To delete a link, click the idea symbol, then press the Delete key. To move the location of a link, click to select the arrow, then drag at either end of the arrow to a new location.

## Creating symbols with images

Next you will use the Symbol palette to add symbols that contain images to your diagram.

- 1 Click the Pick Library button (the down arrow) and choose School from the pop-up menu that appears.



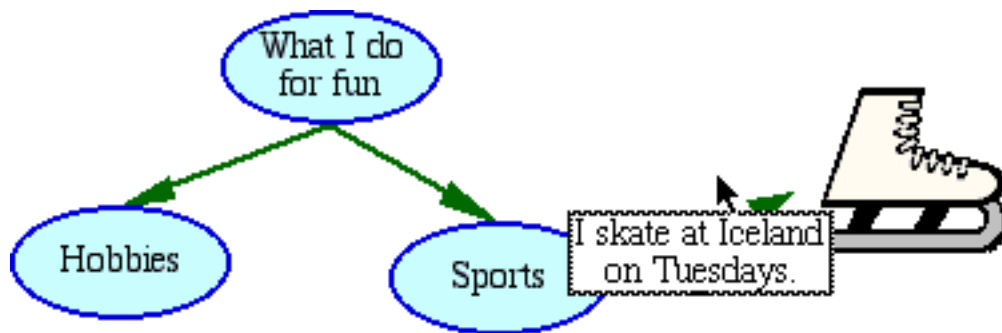
- 2 Click the Next Library button (the right arrow) until you see the palette that includes sports images, the School Library.
- 3 Drag the ice skate symbol onto the diagram, to the right of the Sports symbol.  
Next you'll link this symbol to the Sports symbol.
- 4 Click the Sports symbol to select it.
- 5 Click the Link Symbols button on the Picture toolbar.



- 6 Click the ice skate. Then click the diagram background. A link appears from the Sports symbol.



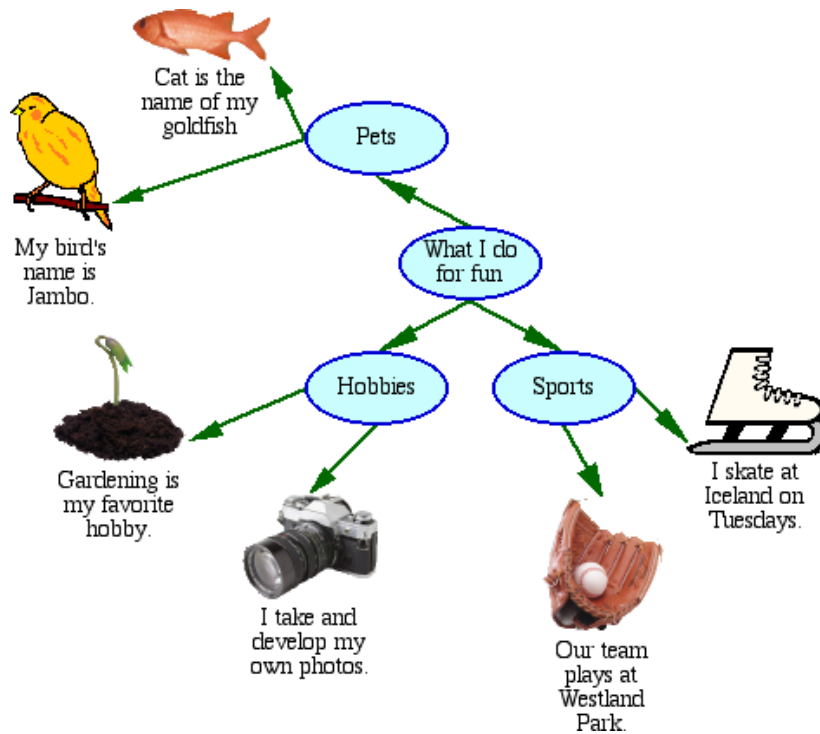
- 7 Click the Link Symbols button again to turn it off.  
Next you'll add text to the ice skate symbol.
- 8 Click the ice skate symbol and type text to go along with it, such as "I skate at Iceland on Tuesdays."



- 9 Continue adding images from the Symbol palette until you have at least one for each of your categories. Use the Pick Library button on the Symbol palette to change categories and use the Next and Previous library buttons (the right and left arrows) to locate images in a category. Add text to some of these symbols.

**Note:** You can also import graphics from your hard disk or from a resource CD to use in your diagrams or to add to the Symbol palette. For more information on importing graphics, see the Kidspiration user's manual or the electronic help system.

- 10 Click the Link Symbols button and create links for all of your new symbols. Then click the Link Symbols button when you are finished to make it inactive.



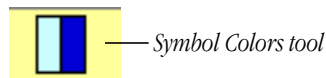
### Formatting the elements in your diagram

You can move the symbols around your diagram, change their color, and make formatting changes to the text.

- 1 To change the location of a symbol, drag it in the window. The link is adjusted accordingly.

Next you'll change the colors in the Sports symbol.

- 2 Click the Sports symbol to select it. The Symbol Colors tool appears on the right end of the Formatting toolbar at the bottom of the screen. The tool now displays two colors, the Fill Color on the left and the Line Color on the right.



- 3 Click the light blue color on the left of the Symbol Colors tool and choose a new color from the menu that appears. The fill color of the Sports symbol changes.
- 4 Click the darker blue color and choose a new color for the border of the Sports symbol.

You can also change the individual colors in a symbol using the Symbol palette.

- 5 Click the ice skate in your diagram. The colors in that symbol appear in the Symbol Colors tool.
- 6 Click the white in the Symbol Colors tool, then choose hot pink. You now have a hot pink ice skate.

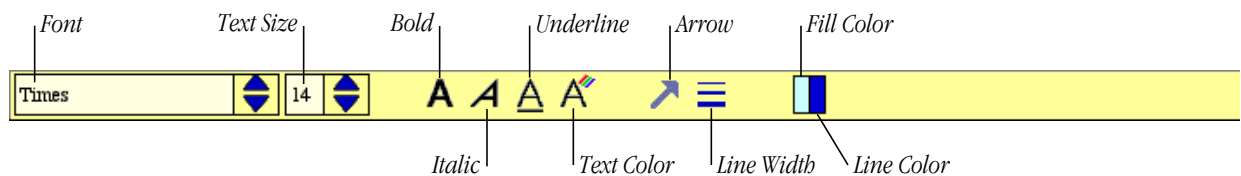
Next you'll format the text in the "What I do for fun" symbol to make it stand out.

- 7 Click to select the "What I do for fun" symbol. In this way, formatting will be applied to all of the text in the symbol. If you want to format just some of the text, select only that text.
- 8 Click the up arrow to choose 18 in the Font Size box on the Formatting toolbar.



- 9 Click the first "A" on the Formatting toolbar to make the text bold.

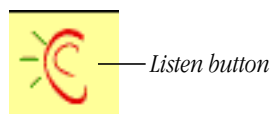
In addition to changing the size and style of your text, you can use the Formatting toolbar options to change the font or text color, format the lines in symbols and links, and change the arrowhead style or direction.



## Listening to the ideas in your diagram

In the next steps, the computer will read the text in your diagram.

- 1 Click the Listen button on the Picture toolbar to turn on the Listen tool.



- 2 Click a symbol that contains text to hear it read to you.

- 3 Click the Listen button again to turn off the sound.

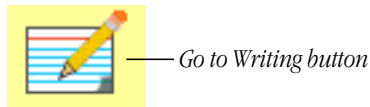
**Note:** You can also record sound to attach to any symbol in your diagram. To do so, click the symbol, then choose Record from the Sound menu. Click Record to start recording and click Stop when you are done. Click Save. A speaker icon appears in the upper-right corner of the symbol. When you click the speaker icon, the recording plays.



### Seeing your ideas in Writing view

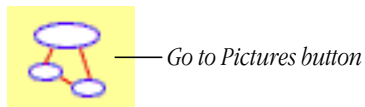
You can use Writing view to create a new document or you can switch from Picture view to Writing view to see your diagram symbols in outline form.

- 1 Click the “Go to Writing” button on the Picture toolbar.



The ideas in your diagram appear organized in outline form. If you added text to the symbols you selected from the Symbol palette, that text appears here. If you did not add text, the label from the Symbol palette is used in Writing view.

- 2 Click the “Go to Pictures” button on the Picture toolbar to return to Picture view.



- 3 Choose Print from the File menu to print your work.
- 4 Save your work.
- 5 Quit Kidspiration.

For more information about Kidspiration, see the user’s manual or the electronic help system. To access the help system, choose Kidspiration Help from the Help menu. Click Help Topics, then click the Contents, Index, or Find tab to locate the subject you want to learn more about.