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Preface

The English language is a work in progress, have fun with it!
Quoted by Jonathan Culver for reasons that we shall decode for you here.

We cannot reiterate enough the importance of English as a language, not only to crack competitive exams but also in widening the prospects thereafter. Being one of the most used languages, English has occupied a very prominent space in competitive examinations to understand a candidate's proficiency in reading, writing, and comprehension skills.

So, while competitive examinations are a pathway to getting into some of the most elite establishments, this book could be your pathway to cracking one of the most important sections of the exams.

The broad syllabus of this book covers Grammar, Vocabulary, and Verbal & Writing abilities. However, the degree of difficulty varies from paper to paper. The design and planning of Objective General English were done to fill the most identified gaps that could occur during a candidate's preparation.

Oswaal Objective General English book is developed by highly credentialed subject matter experts and is authored with the highest editorial standards, keeping in mind the rigor and meticulousness of competitive examinations.

Our books have ample tools to help candidates in their preparation and that is what sets them apart:

- ***Crisp Revision:*** Concepts Review and Mind Maps offer bite-sized and just-in-time revision tools.
- ***Extensive Practice:*** More than 1000 new questions segregated based on difficulty level.
- ***Concept Clarity:*** Easy to Grasp theory complemented by Rules & Solved examples.
- ***Expert Tips:*** Helps you get expert knowledge to master the English exam on your first attempt.
- ***Learning Objectives:*** Outlines what aspirant should understand or be able to achieve after the course

Our books have always been well received by our readers and this is a testament to our research-oriented approach. Our learning pedagogy supplements our editorial research and makes our book current and relevant. We hope our resources will help students to supplement their examination preparation strategy and secure high scores.

We wish the readers great success ahead!

Happy learning!

Team Oswaal

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Importance of English Language in Competitive Examinations

English language is a crucial component of many competitive examinations in India, such as the UPSC Civil Services Examination, IBPS Bank Exams, SSC CGL Exams, and many more. The importance of English language in these examinations can be attributed to the following reasons:

- 1. Global Language:** English is the most widely spoken language in the world, and is the language of communication in many international forums. As such, proficiency in English is important for professionals working in various fields, including government services.
- 2. Communication:** English is the language of communication in the modern world. A good command of English is essential to communicate effectively with people from different backgrounds, cultures and countries.
- 3. Education:** In India, English is often the medium of instruction in higher education institutions. Therefore, proficiency in English is crucial for students who want to pursue higher education.
- 4. Employability:** Many employers in India require their employees to be proficient in English, as it is essential for effective communication with customers, clients, and colleagues.
- 5. Competitive Examinations:** Many competitive examinations in India, including those conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), Staff Selection Commission (SSC), and others, have English language as a compulsory component. Candidates who are unable to demonstrate proficiency in English may lose out on job opportunities and other benefits.

Overall, the importance of English language in competitive examinations in India cannot be overstated. Candidates who have a good command of English are more likely to succeed in these examinations and gain employment in various sectors.

Tips to Crack English Language in the First Attempt

English language plays a significant role in competitive examinations, both in terms of its importance as a subject and its impact on other subjects, the English language is essential for success in competitive exams and a successful career. It is a key skill that is highly valued in many fields, and candidates who can communicate well in English have an advantage over their peers.

1

Think Right

Calming yourself and thinking positive is the first and the best course of action that one is required to take. Think and believe that the exam goal is achievable if worked upon smartly.

2

Start studying from the beginning

All the aspirants are aware of how vast, comprehensive and detailed the syllabus of the English Language section is. To crack the exam in the first attempt you have to start preparing for the exam from the beginning of your 12th class. It is only then that you will be able to complete the entire syllabus. Following this approach will also allow you plenty of time to revise.

3

Respect the syllabus and arrange the materials accordingly

While preparing for the English Language nothing can be labelled as less important. Questions can come from the most unexpected topics too. Laying down your whole syllabus in front of you will help you to decide on the study material you require.

4

Get the right tools and study material

Gathering and preparing from the appropriate study material is something you cannot be ignorant towards. You can refer to Oswaal 'Objective General English' to enhance your preparation. It is on the lines of the current syllabus and can be entrusted upon before the examination.

5

Schedule time for each subject

Creating a schedule which gives due time to all the subjects is a must. Giving proper time to all the subjects daily will help you cover the syllabus on time, giving you enough time for revision.

6

Understand the concepts

No one can crack the English Language exam just by mugging up all the concepts and topics. The syllabus of the exam is in-depth such that you need to understand every concept.

8

Revise whenever you get time

Make sure you revise as much as possible. The revision will help you in keeping the concepts fresh in your mind.

7

Practice a lot of Sample Papers

Oswaal 'Objective General English' will not only help you in understanding the examination pattern, but they will also help you in figuring out the questions that come up every year and this might give you an edge over other students. It includes all the typologies of Questions asked in the Examination, Previous Years Papers with solutions, Mind Maps, etc. Referring to various sample papers might also help you in comprehending the areas which require more work.

9

Analysing your performance

While you are solving papers, make sure you keep a track of time i.e. how much time does it take to solve one section or one question? Make a report of the sections and type of questions which take minimum and maximum time.

Syllabus of Major Competitive Examinations

SSC - Combined Graduate Level (CGL)

Idioms and Phrases
One word Substitution
Sentence Correction
Error Spotting
Fill in the Blanks
Spellings Correction

Reading Comprehension
Synonyms-Antonyms
Active Passive
Sentence Rearrangement
Sentence Improvement
Cloze test

SSC - Combined Higher Secondary Level (CHSL)

Reading Comprehension
Cloze Test
Para jumbles
Miscellaneous
Fill in the blanks

Multiple Meaning/Error Spotting
Paragraph Completion
One Word Substitution
Active and Passive Voice

IBPS PO (Prelims)

Reading Comprehension
Cloze Test
Para jumbles
Word Usage, Word-Swap
Fill in the blanks

Error Detection, Error Spotting
Paragraph Completion
One word Substitution
Miscellaneous

IBPS Clerk

Vocabulary
Homonyms
Antonyms
Synonyms
Word Formation
Spelling
Grammar
Spotting Errors

Phrases and idioms
Direct and Indirect speech
Active/ Passive voice
Reading Comprehension
Theme Detection
Passage completion
Topic rearrangement of passage
Deriving Conclusion

National Defence Academy/Naval Academy (NDA/NA)

Spotting Errors
Comprehension
Selecting Words
Ordering of Words in a Sentence

Sentence Improvement
Antonyms
Synonyms

Combined Defence Service (CDS)

Basic Grammar
Idioms & Phrases
Synonyms and Antonyms
Reading Comprehension Solving

Substitution of Words
Error Spotting
Para Jumbles

....Contd.

Agniveer Navy (SSR)

Passage
Preposition
Correction of sentences
Change active to passive/passive to active voice
Change direct to indirect/indirect to direct
Verbs/Tense/Non Finites
Punctuation
Substituting phrasal verbs for expression
Synonyms and Antonyms
Meanings of difficult words
Use of adjective
Compound preposition
Determiners (use of a, the, any etc), Use of pronouns

Agniveer Indian Air Force

Word Formation (nouns from verbs, adjectives, etc.)
Preposition
Determiners
Noun & Pronoun
Conjunction
Adverb
Modals
Clauses (noun, adverb & relative clauses)
Subject-verb concord
Verb formation and error in their use
Sentence transformation (simple, negative, compound, complex, etc.)
One-word substitution
Synonyms
Antonyms
Spelling errors
Idioms and phrases


Weightage Analysis & Topicwise Weightage Analysis

Topics	Weightage Analysis & Topicwise Weightage Analysis							
	SSC - CHSL	SSC - CGL	IBPS PO	IBPS Clerk	NDA	CDS	Agniveer - Navy	Agniveer - AirForce
English Language – Section: 1 – Grammar								
Tenses							2-3	
Active & Passive Voice	1-2	2-3				5	2-3	1
Subject Verb Agreement								
Prepositions								
Conjunction								
Articles								
Noun								
Pronoun								
Adjectives								
Verb							2-3	
Adverb								
Direct & Indirect Speech						5		
Narration								1
English Language – Section: II – Verbal Ability								
Reading Comprehension	5	5	8-10	8-9	5	20-25	5	4
Cloze Test	5		6-8	5				
Fillers								
Sentence Jumbles								1
Sentence Improvement		1-2				20-24	10	3
Ordering of Sentences					5-10	15-20		
Ordering of Word in a Sentence					5	15-20		1
Para Jumbles	3-4							
Odd One Out								
Sentence Rearrangement		2-3	5					
Sentence Corrections		1-2					2	
Paragraph Completion								
Summary of Paragraph								
Sentence Connectors								
Mis-Spelt or Inappropriate Words	2-3							1
Match the Columns ((Sentence Matching) Matching)								

....Contd.

Topics	Weightage Analysis & Topicwise Weightage Analysis							
	SSC - CHSL	SSC - CGL	IBPS PO	IBPS Clerk	NDA	CDS	Agniveer - Navy	Agniveer - AirForce
Fill in the Blanks	1-2	1-2	5-6		5	10-15		3
Error Detection/Spotting	2-3	2-3		5	10	20-25		
Word Usage				4-5				
Jumbled Words			2-3					
Word Rearrangement				4-5				
English Language – Section: Iii – Vocabulary								
Words Often Confused & Misused								
Phrasal Verbs								
Phrase Replacement			5-6				2	
Synonyms	1-2	1-2			10	9-10	1	1
Antonyms	1-2	1-2			10	8-10	1	1
One Word Substitution	1-2	2-3				5-6		1
Idioms & Phrases	2-3	1-2			5			
Active & Passive								
Over All Questions	25	25	30	30	50	120	25	20

30 Mind-Blowing Facts about English Language

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- #1:** The English language has been around for over 1500 years.
- #2:** There are more than 150,000 words in the English language that are not found in the dictionary.
- #3:** English is the only language with three genders: masculine, feminine, and neuter.
- #4:** The word “set” has more definitions than any other word in the English language.” Set” can mean to put something down or establish a limit or standard. It can also mean to make someone angry or upset.
- #5:** There are more than 250,000 words in the Oxford English Dictionary.
- #6:** The English language is the most commonly spoken language in the world.
- #7:** There are more than 12,000 idiomatic expressions in the English language.
- #8:** The first sentence of the Bible was written in Hebrew, not English.
- #9:** Shakespeare invented over 1700 words that are still used today.
- #10:** A single word can have multiple meanings depending on its context. For example, “bat” can mean a tool for hitting a ball or an animal that flies at night.
- #11:** The English language is constantly changing and evolving.
- #12:** In order to become a proficient English speaker, you need to know about 4000 words.
- #13:** There are more than 100 dialects of the English language spoken around the world.
- #14:** The verb “to be” is one of the most commonly used verbs in the English language.
- #15:** The longest word in the English language is “antidisestablishmentarianism,” which is a word that describes someone who is opposed to the disestablishment of the Church of England.
- #16:** The English language is not phonetic, which means that the pronunciation of a word can vary depending on its context.
- #17:** There are no rules for spelling in the English language – just conventions.

30 Mind-Blowing Facts about English Language

#18:

“ough” can be pronounced in eight different ways, depending on how it is used in a sentence. For example, “enough” is pronounced “enuf”, “though” is pronounced “tho”, and “through” is pronounced “thro”.

#19:

The plural form of words can be spelled in two different ways, depending on whether or not they end with an “-s”. For example, the plural form of “mouse” is “mice”, but the plural form of “house” is “houses”.

#20:

There are no definite rules for capitalisation in the English language.

#21:

The English language has more than one million words, and new words are added to the dictionary every year. The Oxford English Dictionary is updated every three months with new words and definitions.

#22:

A word can be considered slang if it is used primarily by a specific group of people and not generally accepted as standard vocabulary. For example, the word “ghetto” was once considered slang, but it has now been accepted as part of standard vocabulary.

#23:

The English language is constantly changing and evolving. There are no definite rules for grammar or spelling, and new words are added to the dictionary every year. So, the next time you feel like complaining about how difficult English is, just remember that it’s this way because it’s alive and constantly growing!

#24:

English is the official language of over 60 countries, and it is taught as a foreign language in schools around the world.

#25:

English is a “borrowing” language, which means that it has evolved from other languages over the years. The majority of its vocabulary comes from French, Latin, and German. So, the next time you’re struggling with an English word, remember that it might not be English at all – it just looks that way!

#26:

The English language is the most commonly studied foreign language in the world.

#27:

The two most common words in English are I and you.

#28:

The majority of English words are not actually spelled the way they sound. For example, the word “hour” is pronounced “our”, but it is spelled “hour”.

#29:

There are no definite rules for using apostrophes in the English language. They can be used to indicate possession (e.g., “John’s book”), to show contractions (e.g., “I’m going”), or to denote a plural word that has been shortened (e.g., “don’t” is short for “do not”).

#30:

The English language is one of the most difficult languages to learn in the world. But with a little practice and some dedication, you can become a proficient English speaker!

Positive Affirmations

I realize what I cannot Control and let the good things flow

I courageously move in the direction of my dreams

I am Supported fully by the universe

I am wrapped in the loving energy of the universe

I allow my desires to flow to me now

All of my thoughts are aligned with my desires

Affirmations for the new "YOU"

I effortlessly attract my desires

// Accept yourself, love yourself, and keep moving forward. If you want to fly, you have to give up what weighs you down.

I am open to new experiences and welcome abundance into my life

When I let go, I create space for something better.

// I have the power to shift my mindset and see the good in everything.

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WRITING YOUR NOTES

Just in case you have forgotten today, takedown your notes!

But why is it so important?

Tools for the hands are tools for the brain writes Hetty Roessingh.

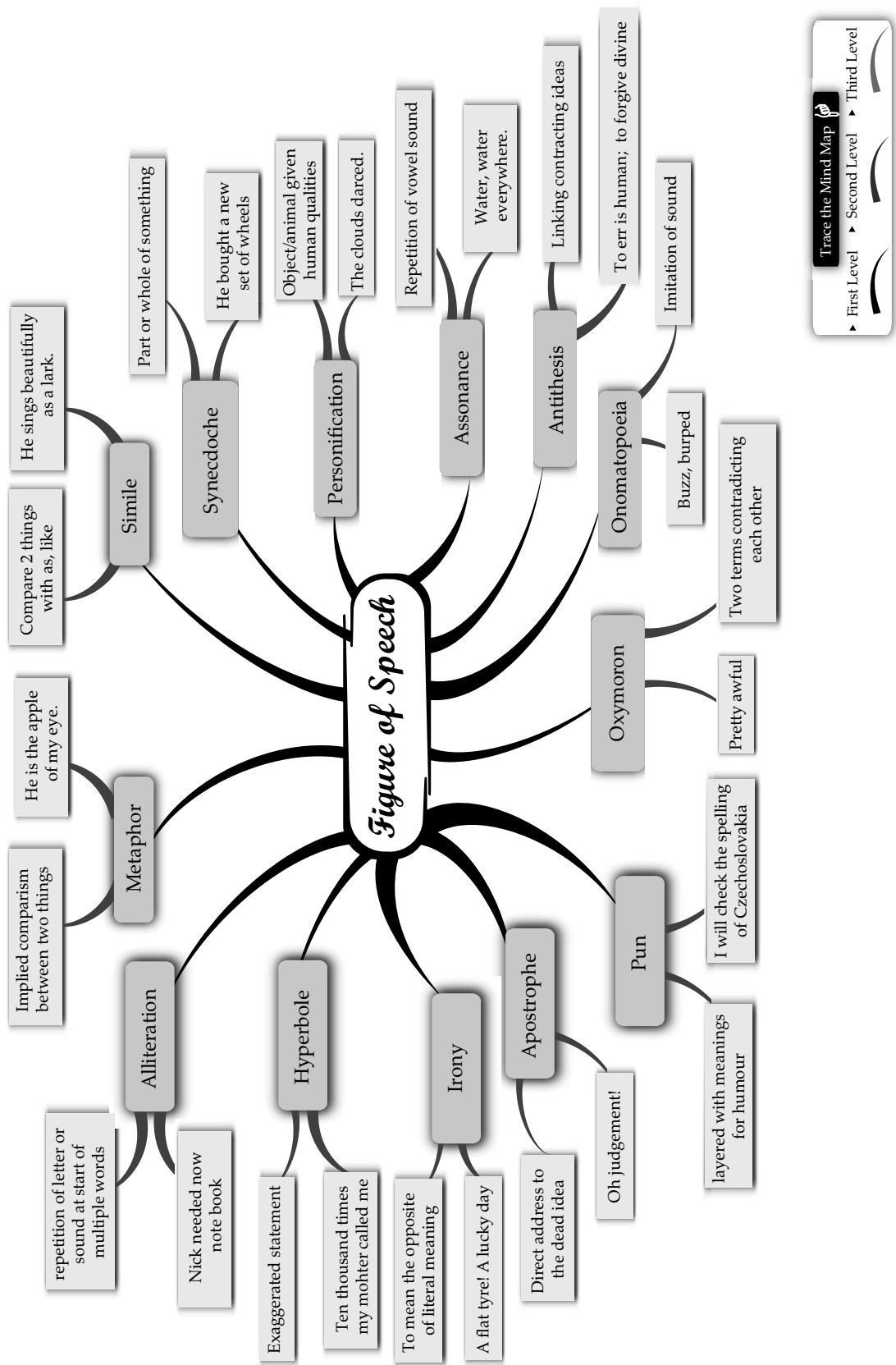
Handwritten notes are a powerful tool for encrypting embodied cognition and in turn supporting the brain's capacity for recuperation of information. If that sounds so scientific then in simple words:

Writing notes by hand help you in:

- Increasing your comprehension
- Strengthening your memory
- Igniting your creativity
- Engaging your mind
- Increasing your attention span

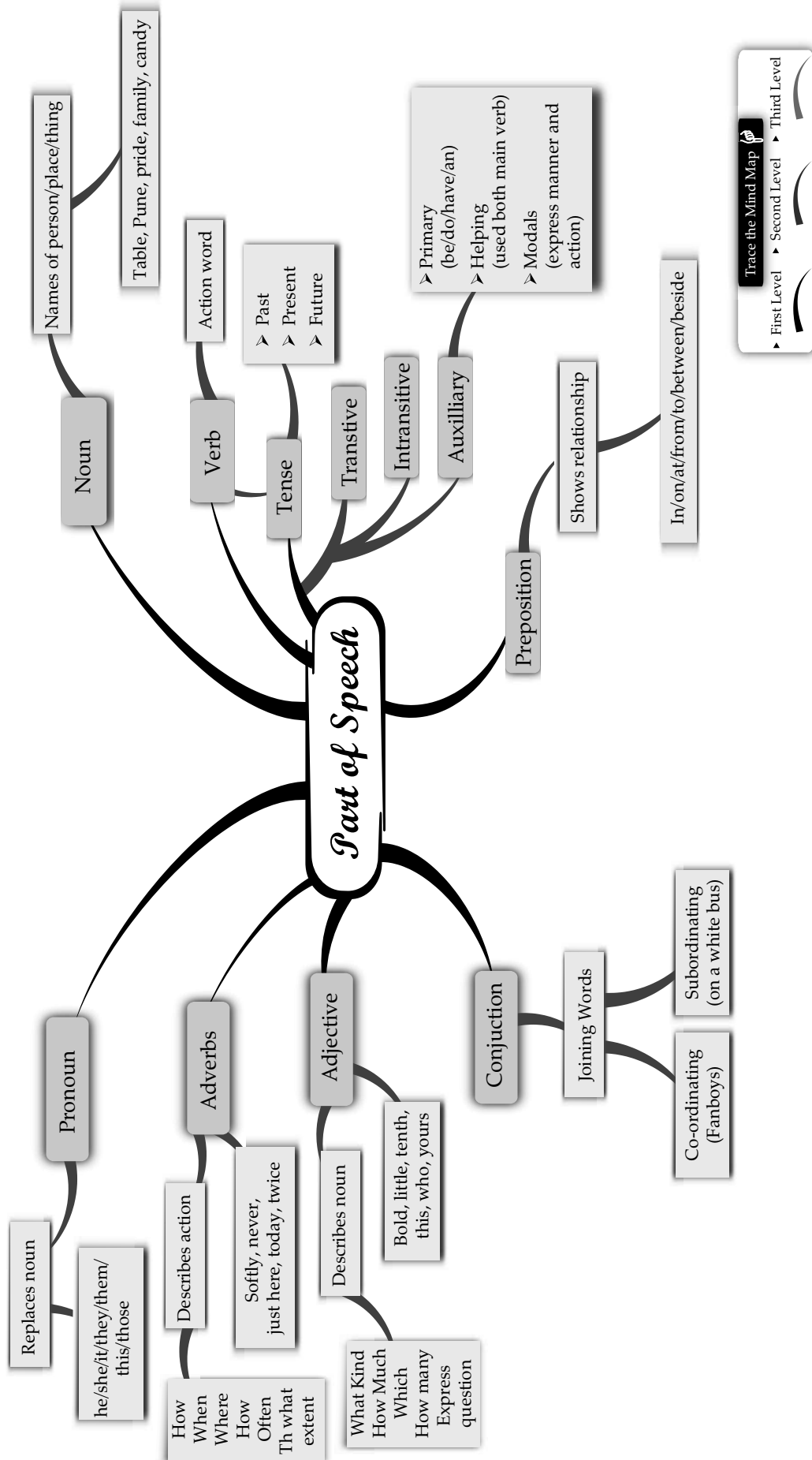
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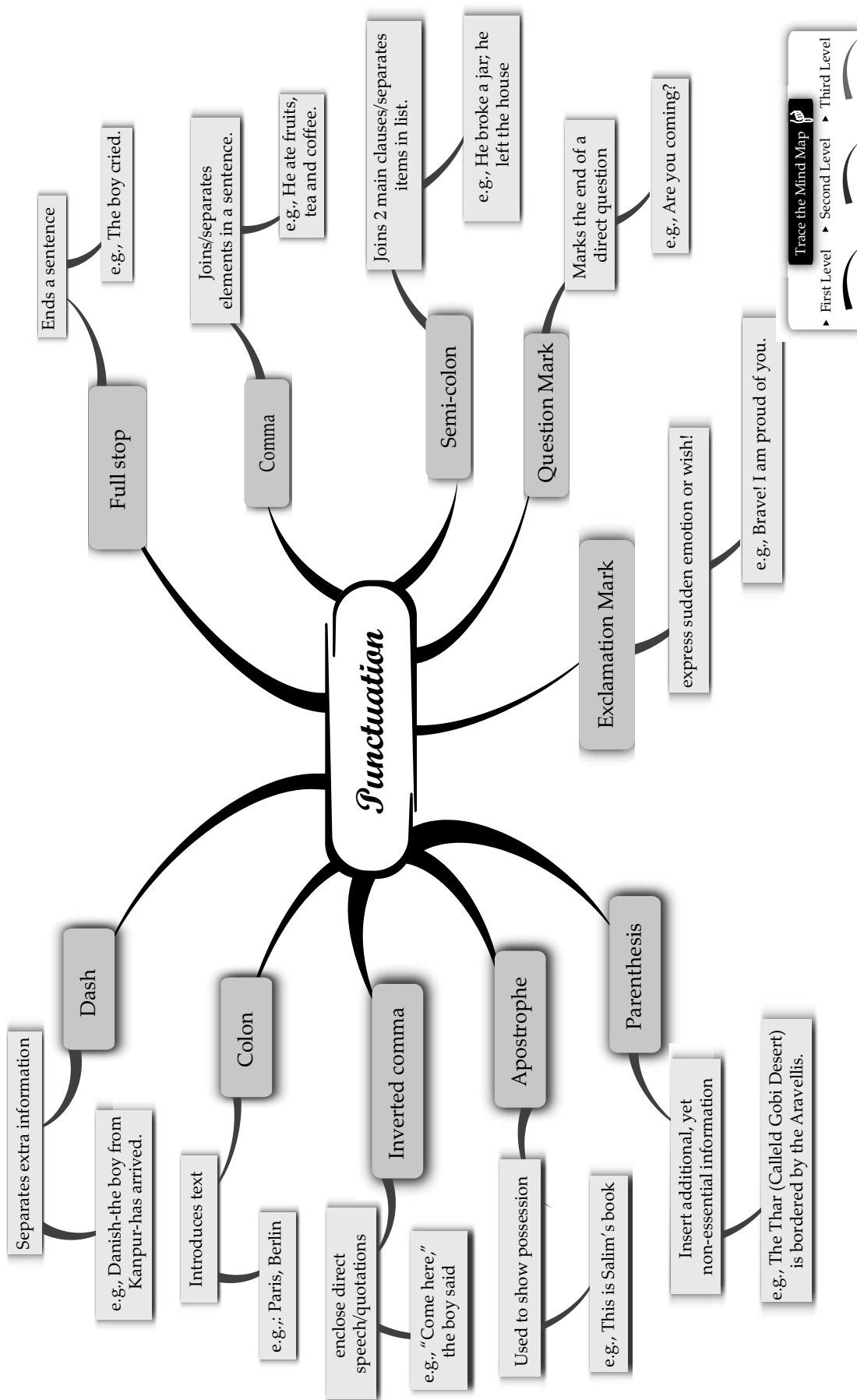
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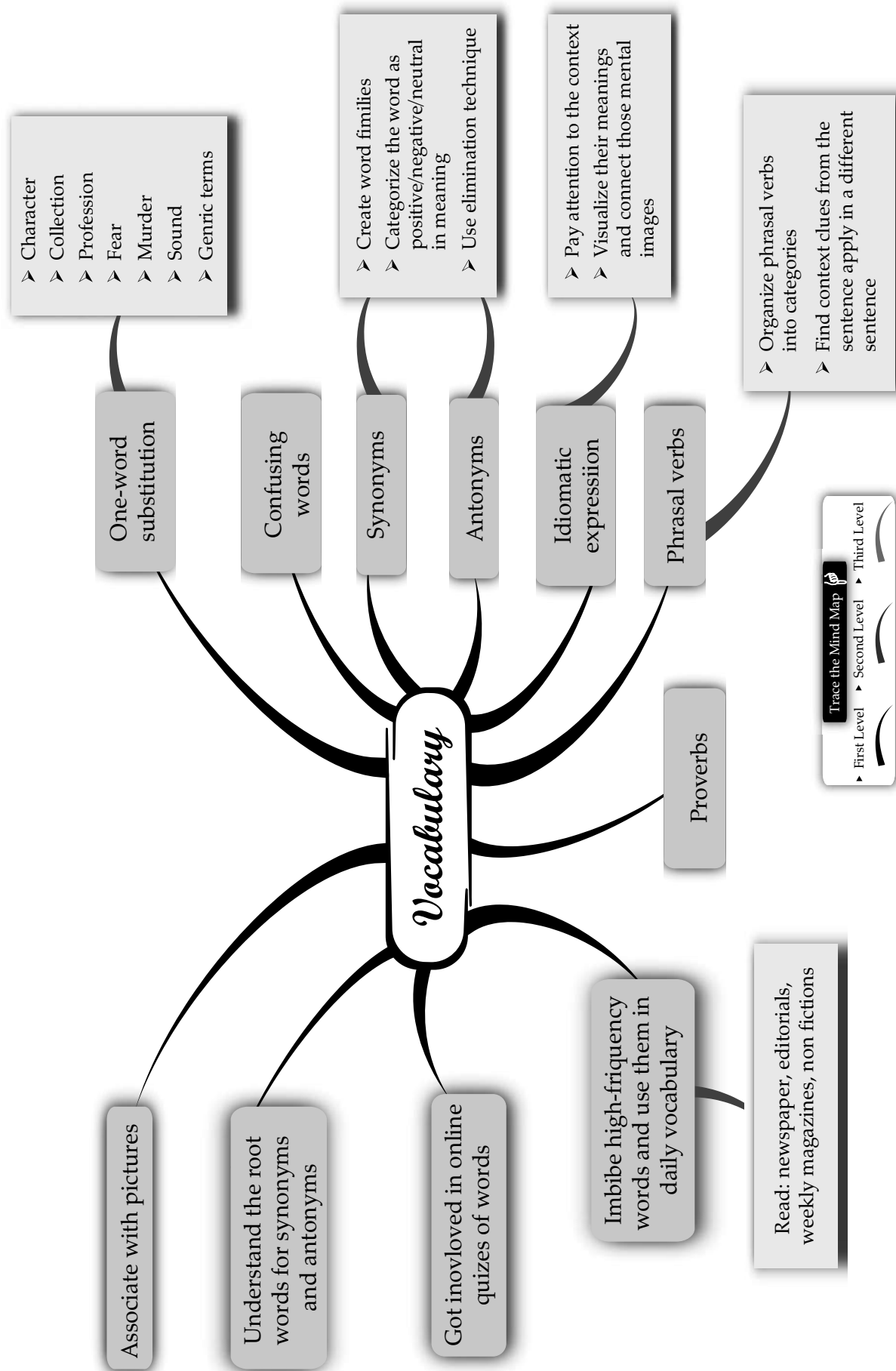


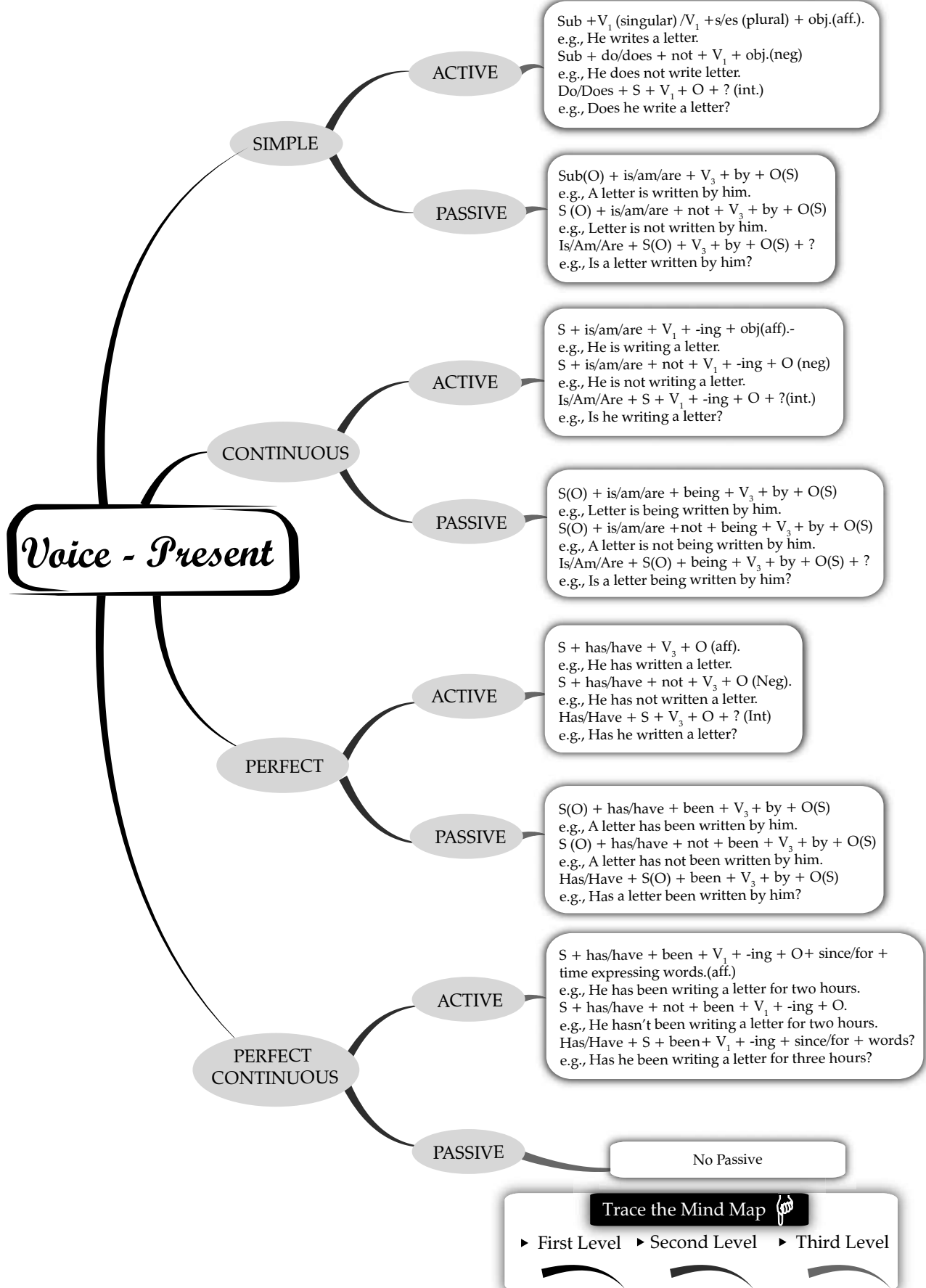
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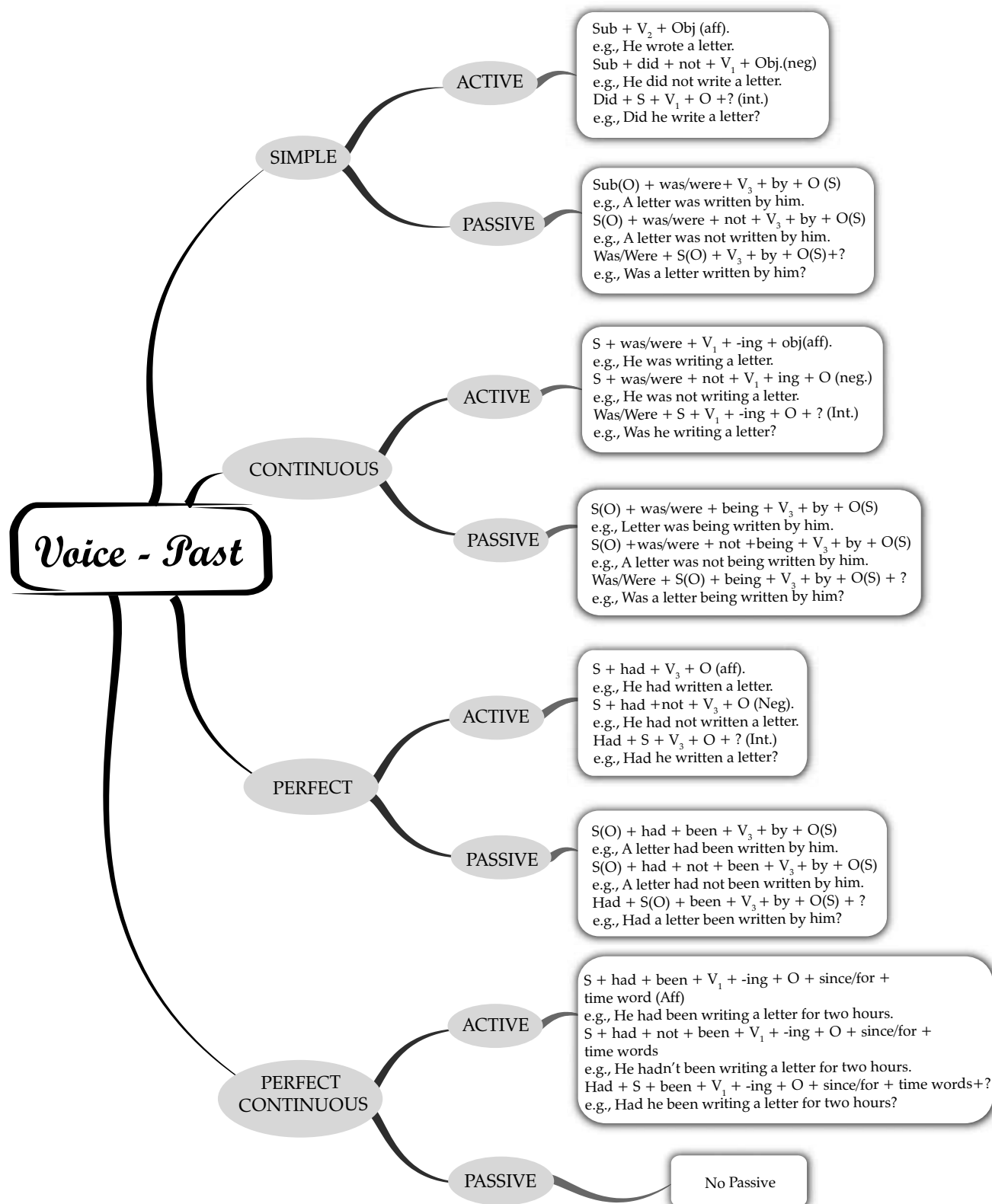
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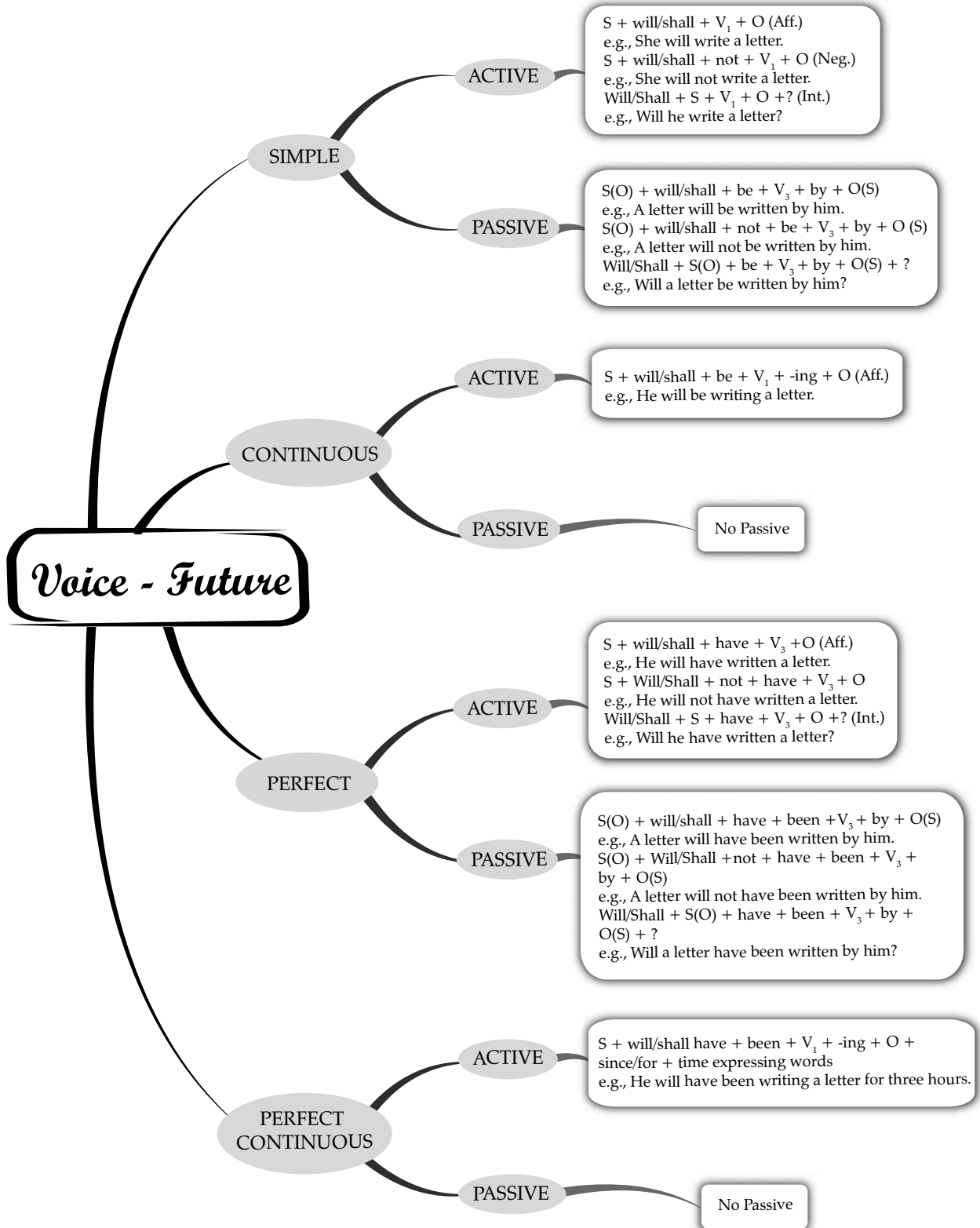






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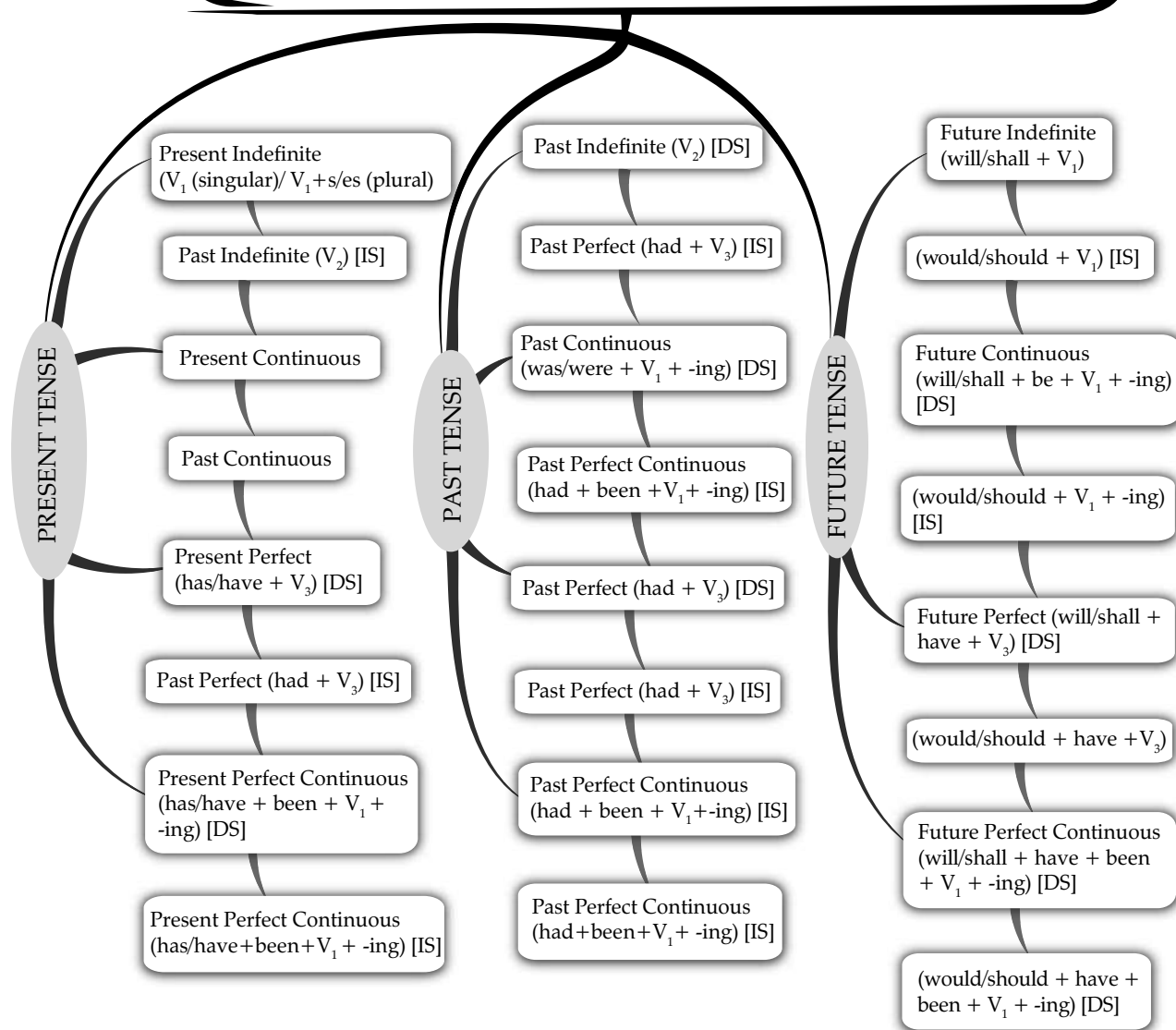
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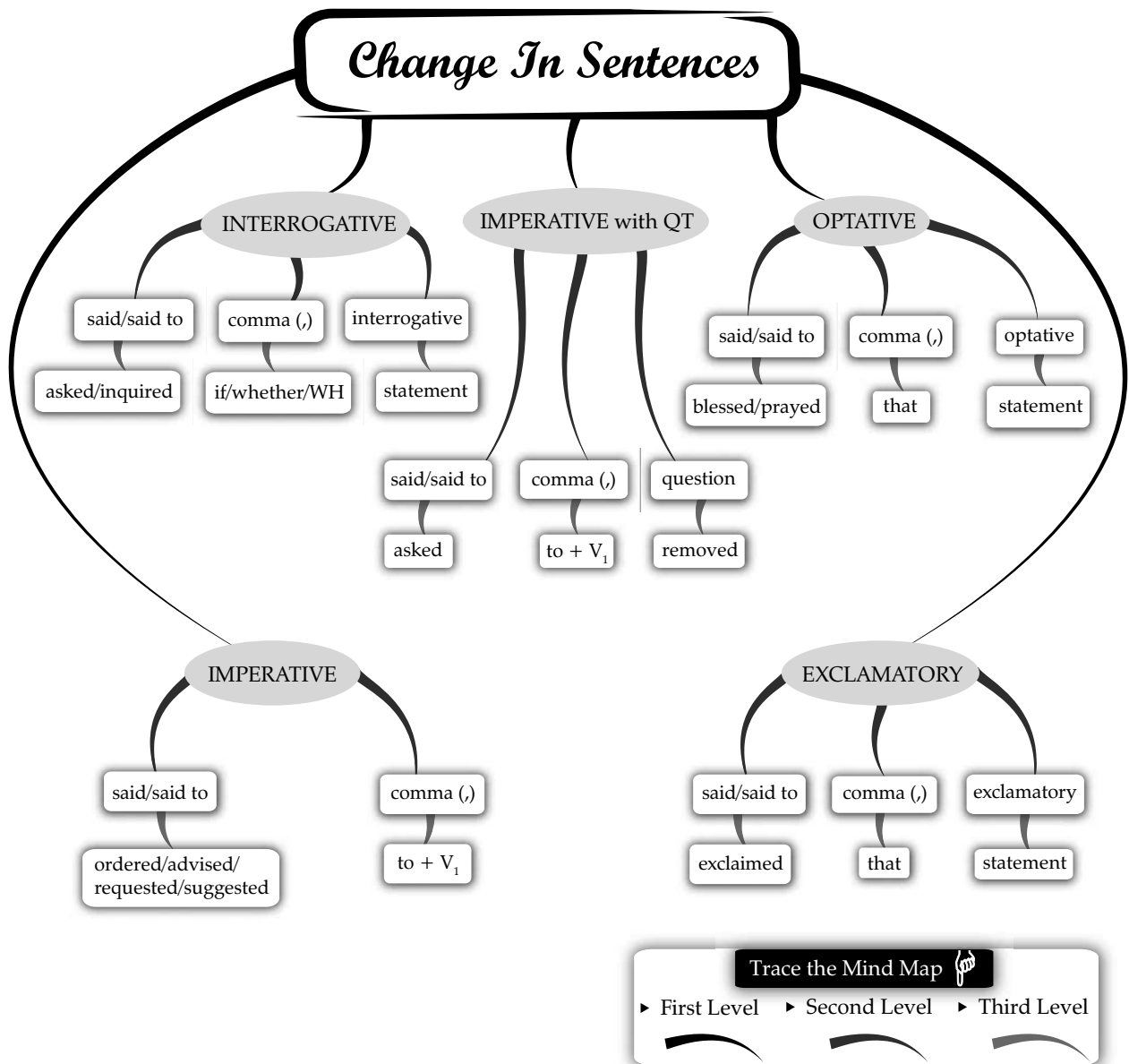


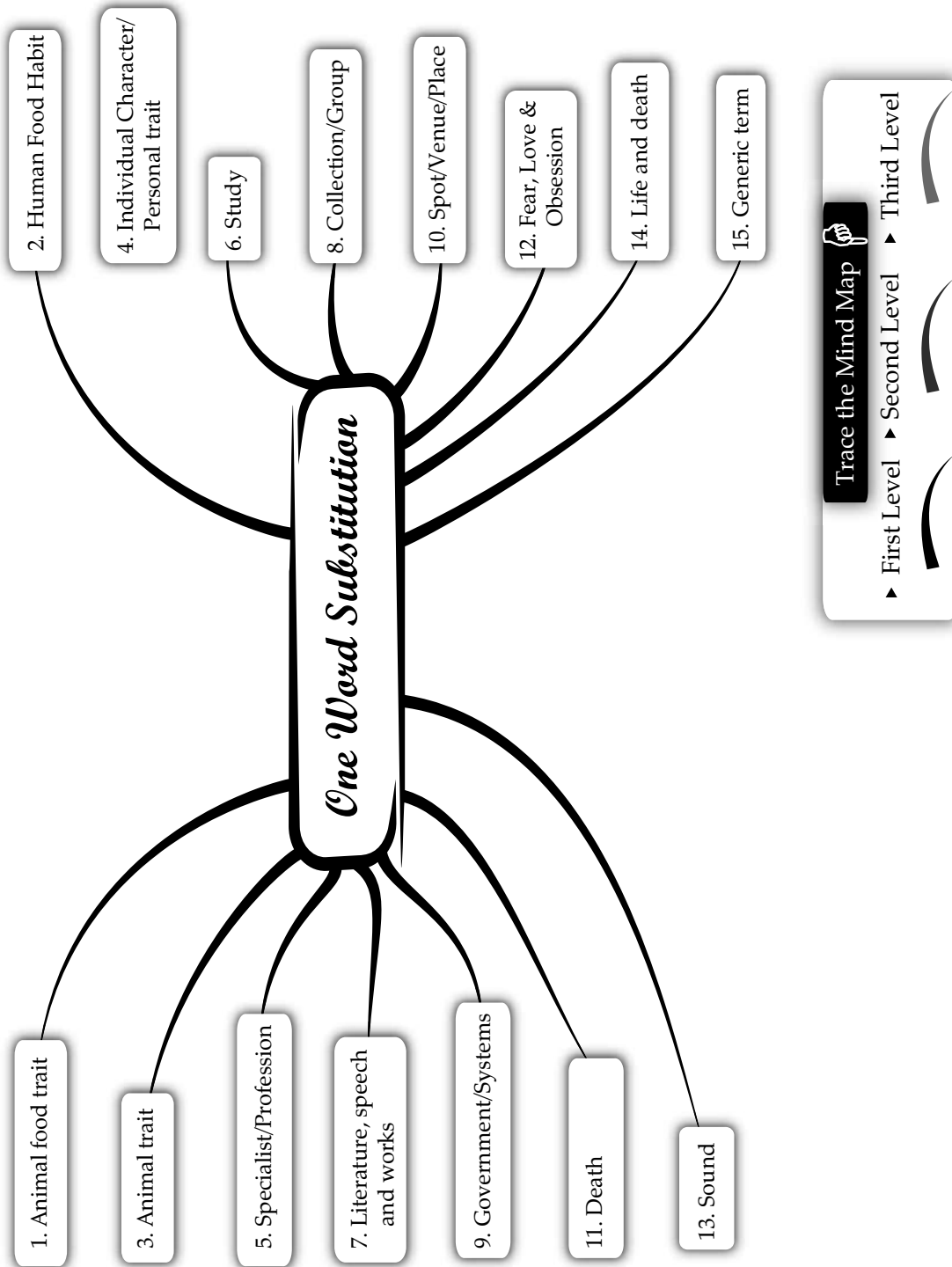
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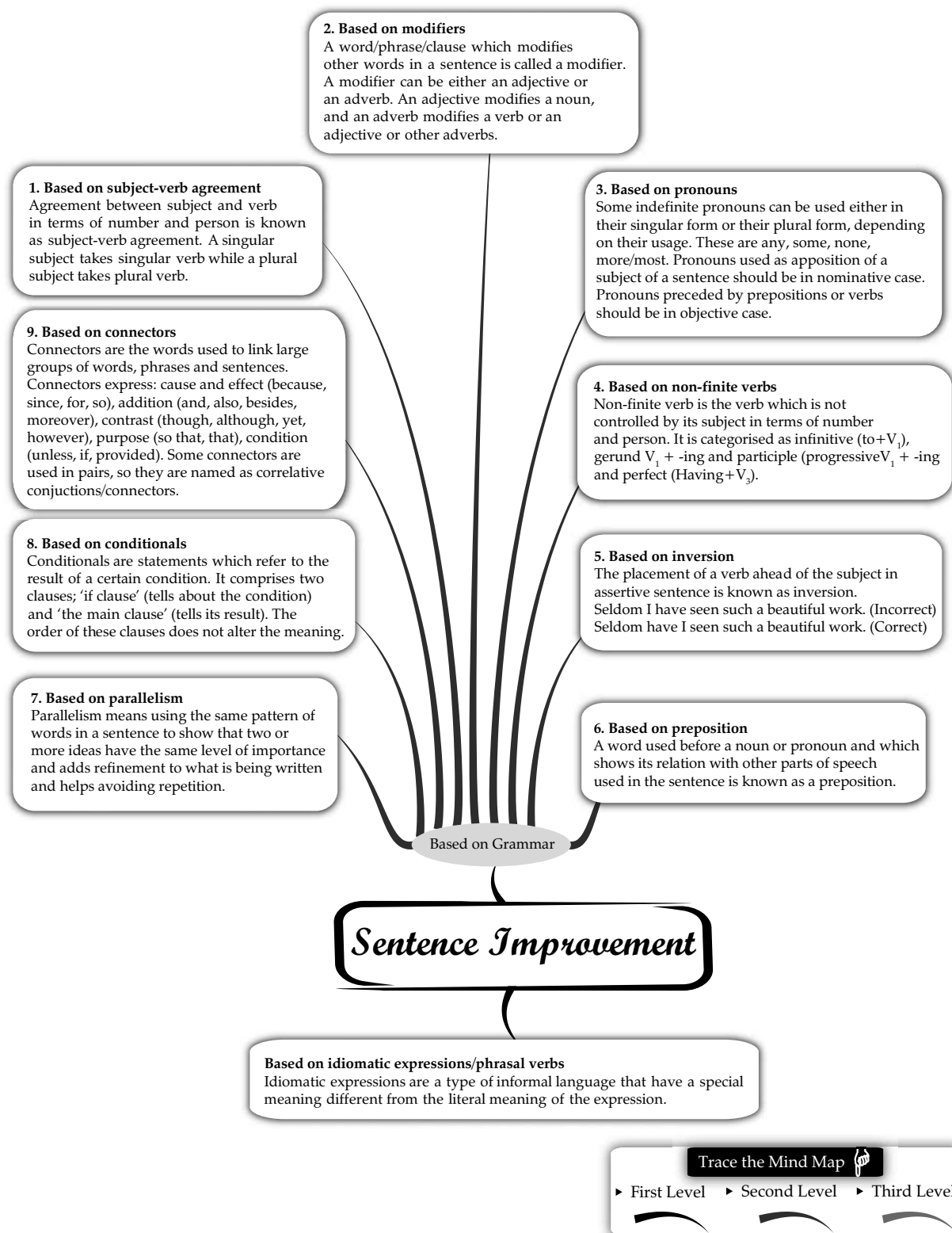
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CHAPTER

1

PARTS OF SPEECH

Words are divided into different kinds or classes, called Parts of Speech, according to their use; that is, according to the work they do in a sentence.

The parts of speech are eight in number:

1. Noun
2. Adjective
3. Pronoun
4. Verb
5. Adverb
6. Preposition
7. Conjunction
8. Interjection

The word thing includes (i) all objects that we can see, hear, taste, touch, or smell; and (ii) something that we can think of, but cannot perceive by the senses.

NOUN is a word used as the name of a person, place, or thing; as, Akbar was a great king.

Examples:

Solomon was a wise king.

January marks the beginning of a year.

An **ADJECTIVE** is a word used to add something to the meaning of a noun.

Examples:

He is a brave boy.

There are twenty boys in this class.

A **PRONOUN** is a word used instead of a noun.

Examples:

Ram is absent, because he is out of station.

The dresses are where you left them.

A **VERB** is a word used to express an action or state.

Examples:

A boy writes letters to her grandmother daily.

London is an expensive city.

An **ADVERB** is a word used to add something to the meaning of a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

Examples:

He finished the meal quickly.

This flower is very beautiful.

PREPOSITION is a word used with a noun or a pronoun to show how the person or thing denoted by the noun or pronoun stands in relation to something else.

Examples:

There is a book on the table.

The boy plays football in the yard.

A **CONJUNCTION** is a word used to join words or sentences.

Examples:

Sita and Mana are good friends.

Two and two make four.

An **INTERJECTION** is a word which expresses some sudden feeling.

Examples:

Hurrah! We have won the game.

Alas! She is no more.

Some modern grammars include "Determiners" among the parts of speech.

DETERMINERS are words like a, an, the, one, two, this, that, these, those, every, each, some, any, my, his, etc., which determine or limit the meaning of the nouns that follow.

A **Mnemonic Device** for 8 Parts of Speech helps students remember the 8 parts of speech using the acronym PAPA N VIC which stand for pronoun, adverb, preposition, adjective, noun, verb, interjection and conjunction.

Papa N Vic

(P) Pronoun

(A) Adverb

(P) Preposition

(A) Adjective

(N) Noun

(V) Verb

(I) Interjection

(C) Conjunction

Parts of Speech

Here are some examples of sentences made with different English parts of speech:

verb
Go!

noun	verb
Simi	dances.

noun	verb	verb
Simi	is	dancing.

pronoun	verb	noun
He	plays	football.

noun	verb	noun	adverb
Pihu	speaks	French	fluently.

noun	verb	adjective	noun
Pihu	speaks	improved	fluently.

pronoun	verb	preposition	determiner	noun	adverb
She	goes	to	the	airport	frequently.

pron.	verb	adj.	noun	conjunction	pron.	verb	pron.
He	hates	chilled	drinks	but	I	prefer	them.

Here is a sentence that contains every part of speech:

interjection	pron.	conj.	det.	adj.	noun	verb	prep.	noun	adverb
Well,	he	and	that	naughty	boy	goes	to	Dennis'	regularly.

WARM -UP EXERCISE

Identify the part of speech of the word in bold.

I bought a **small** pup at the mall.

Dhey called his friend **but** no one answered.

She was wearing a beautiful attire.

I found a new pen **under** the bed.

I have opted out of the **University** of Wales.

I **lecture** at the Institute of Business. .

I am wearing a **green** dress for the party.

Oh! That is really sad.

The parents asked the **teachers** about the curriculum.

The clothes did not dry **as** it was raining all night.

Answers

Adjective
Conjunction
Pronoun
Preposition
Noun

Verb
Adjective
Interjection
Noun
Conjunction

CHAPTER

2

NOUN



Learning Objectives:

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- ❑ Define the term noun, and differentiate the types of noun and their usages.
- ❑ Explain the role of a noun and be able to identify nouns in sentences.
- ❑ Understand the correct usage of nouns and apply them effectively in writing.
- ❑ Change different parts of speech into abstract nouns.
- ❑ Understand the correct rules for nouns with respect to – gender, case and number.

Definition:

A Noun is a word used as the name of a person, place or thing.

1. **Proper Noun:** A Proper Noun is the name of some particular person or place.

[Proper means one's own. Hence a Proper Name is a person's own name.]

- **The Statesman** is a leading newspaper in India.
- **Mumbai** is famous for its and night life.

Here, The Times of India and Mumbai are examples of proper nouns.

Proper Nouns are always written with a capital letter at the beginning.

2. **Common Noun:** A Common Noun is a name given in common to every person or thing of the same class or kind, instead of naming a particular person, animal or thing.

[Common here means shared by all.]

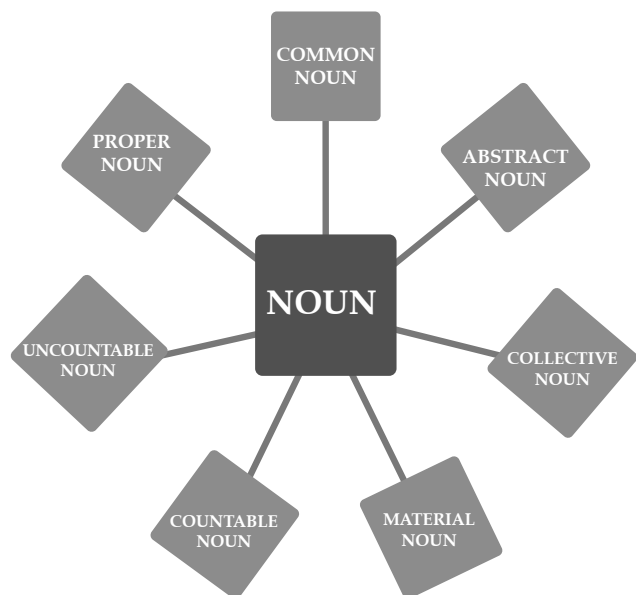
- According to the **sign**, the nearest **town** is 80 km away from here.
- All the **seats** in the **balcony** were booked by the **elites**.

3. **Abstract Noun:** Abstract noun in general refers, the name of state, quality, or action. It is anything which can neither be seen nor be touched but can be felt.

State – Childhood, death, youth, slavery, sleep, sickness, , poverty.

Abstract Nouns usually do not have plural forms.

TYPES OF NOUN



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