



Argument Maps



Tool Description

Argument maps are a visual thinking tool like mind maps or concept maps. Their aim is to help children to think logically and critically.

Argument maps help to organise thoughts into blocks of different logical types:

- Contention
- Reason
- Oppose

What is the challenge the tool can solve?

Dys teenagers can experience difficulties to organise their thoughts in a critical and logical way.

Argument maps help them to organise their thoughts into logical blocks based on the argumentation categories (contention, support, oppose, etc.).

What are the benefits for Dys persons?

Argument maps are a very efficient tool to get your thoughts organised in a logical way.

They help develop critical thinking.

They can be used to write a school assessment, for instance. The student "draws" the logical sequences or blocks with an argument mapping software and can then export the structure to a word processor like Word for instance.

This way, the logical sequence of argument is visible and it is easier to spot a mistake in the critical path.

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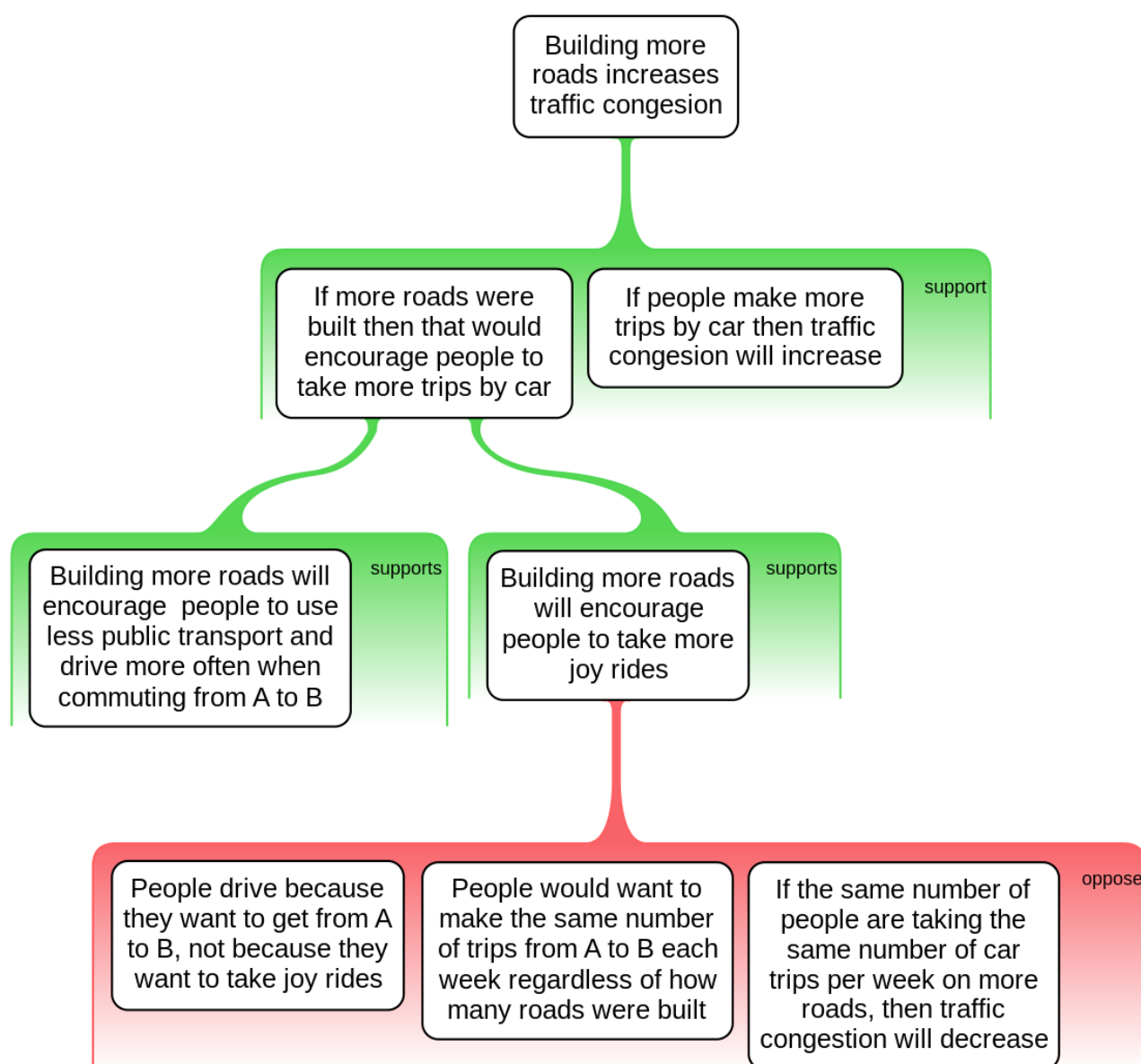


Example of use in daily life

Argument maps can be used to:

- develop critical thinking
- help to structure documents in a logical way
- write an assessment with logically constructed reasoning

Here, an argument map has been used to build some arguments about traffic congestion.



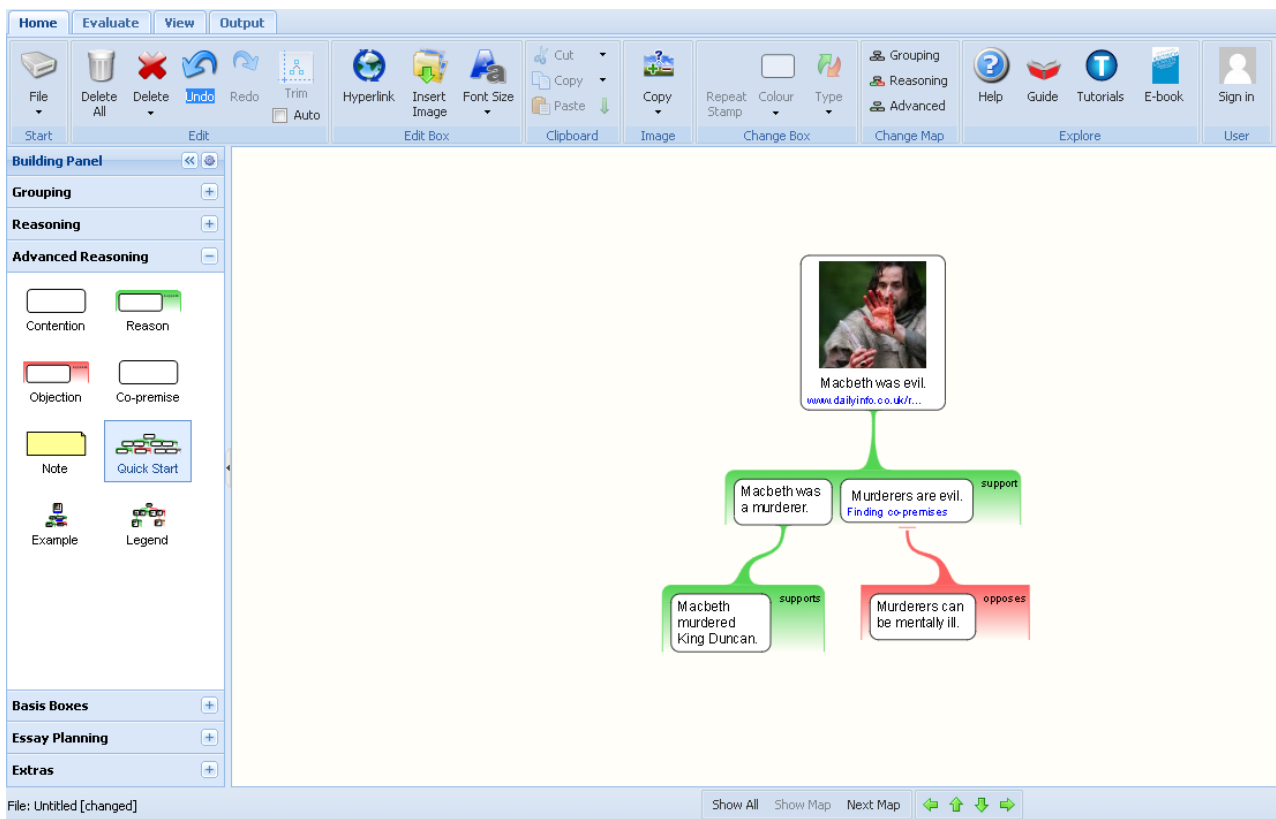
Several types of software are available, some paying like Rationale

<https://www.rationaleonline.com/>

some are free and open source like Argunet :

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/argunet/>

Here is a screen capture of an argument map being build with Rationale online:



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