



# CMapTools



## Tool Description

CMapTools is a series of tools designed to produce concept maps.  
CMapTools is a free and open-source tool.

It works online, on iPad and on your computer desktop.  
The iPad version is paying, while the other versions are totally free.

Not only CMapTools is free and (relatively) easy to use, it is also used by a broad and strong community.

That means that you can always find a concept map on the topic you want to work on.

## What is the challenge the tool can solve?

Dys people are struggle with written language, especially with long and complicated sentences.

Visual tools can constitute an interesting alternative to long texts. Moreover, a diagram is often more adapted to explain complex procedures than written descriptions.

While Mind maps are a wonderful tool to describe hierarchies of ideas, concept maps are an ideal tools to:

- describe a pathway, the different steps of a journey
- show the relationships between concepts or ideas in a semantic field
- illustrate complex systems with retroaction loops

## What are the benefits for Dys persons?

Like Mind maps, concept maps are pretty efficient to illustrate or explain a complex reality with a few words.

CMapTools allows the user to create clear and efficient concept maps to illustrate complex realities.

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It proposes a presentation mode that quickly turns any concept maps in a slide presentation.

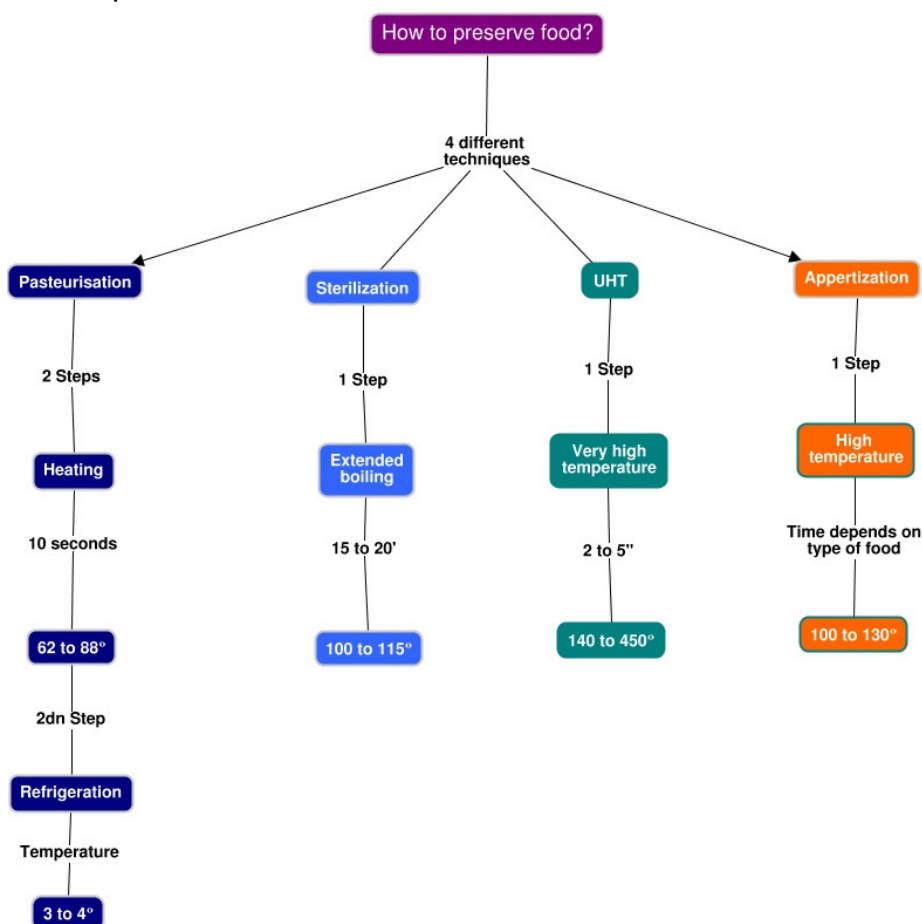
It can be used anytime, anywhere, almost on any device (smartphone excluded because of the screen size).

## Example of use in daily life

CMapTools can be used as:

- as graphic support to a written text
- as school presentation
- as a graphic base for a homework
- to explain a complex system or a pathway to a child

Here, a CMapTools Concept Map has been used to explain the different food preservation techniques:



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