

Visualising Classroom Discussion

Discussion is the oxygen of interactive classrooms. But, unfortunately, conversations easily get lost. The solution is to capture what's being said in *real time*.



ALL TALK, NOT CAPTURED

We all have problems with short-term memory. It's hard to take in all those words flying at us. Even when we're interested!

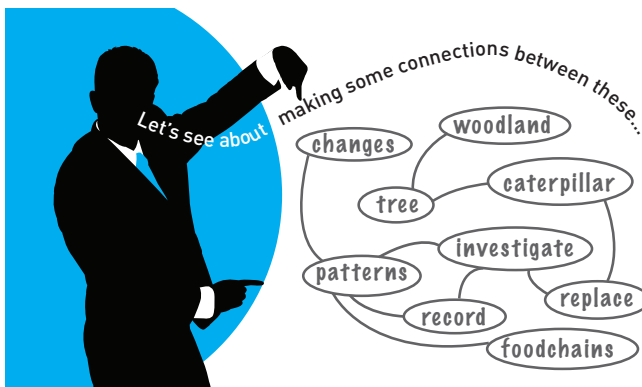
If you can't remember, you can't learn.



TALK CAPTURED, NOT CONNECTED

Recording the main points of the discussion is a real improvement. These key words act like anchors for the memory.

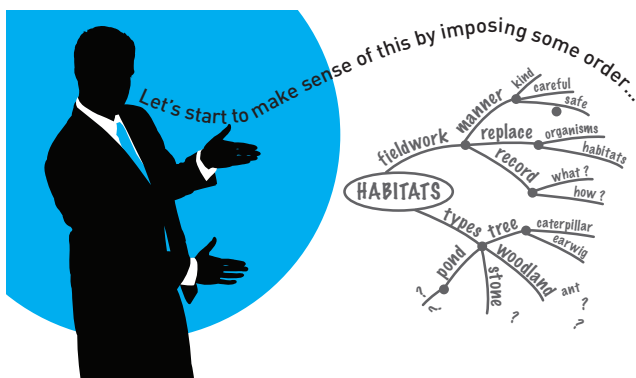
But the words aren't yet connected. And so may not make a lot of sense.



TALK CONNECTED, NOT ORGANISED

Teachers start to explore the captured key words. They ask students for any associations or links.

These connections exist in the minds of the students but there's no real challenge as to their validity. Or their meaning.



TALK CAPTURED AND ORGANISED

Teachers capture key words and involve students in deciding how to organise them. Deep learning takes place.

Teachers can model and explain their own thinking.