

How to Make a KIM Chart

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Key Word



Information



Memory Cue



What can it help you do?

- Improve reading comprehension
- Keep track of new terms

1. To make a KIM Chart, take a sheet of paper and draw three columns.
2. At the top of the first column write "Key Word."
3. At the top of the second column write "Information." Beneath that write "Definition of the Word" in parentheses.
4. At the top of the third column write "Memory Cue." Beneath that write "sentence or picture" in parentheses.
5. Draw lines from left to right to indicate rows.
6. Fill in the columns with any new words you encounter, along with their definition and a memory cue, or sentence, to help you remember them.

	2 Key Word	3 Information (Definition of the Word)	4 Memory Cue (Sentence or Picture)
5	6 Prevaricate	To speak or act in an evasive way	The diplomat was a master of prevarication; he never said what he meant, and he hardly meant what he said.
	Disposition	Your usual mood	His depression was beginning to weigh on his previously upbeat disposition.
	Ascertain	Learn or discover with confidence	The investigators could not ascertain the motives of the crime.
	Decree	A legally binding command or decision	The judge approved our proposed decree of custody.