**How to Make a KIM Chart**

0:00 **Owl:** Welcome to How to make a KIM Chart, an instructional video on reading comprehension brought to you by the Excelsior College Online Writing Lab.

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<th>One way to improve your vocabulary is to create a KIM chart for the new words you encounter.</th>
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<td>This will help you improve your reading comprehension and keep track of new terms.</td>
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<th>“KIM” is an acronym that stands for:</th>
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<td>Key Word,</td>
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<td>Information,</td>
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<td>and Memory Cue.</td>
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<th>A KIM chart has a column for each of these categories and rows for each new word.</th>
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<td>To make a KIM Chart, take a sheet of paper and draw three columns.</td>
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<td>At the top of the first column write “Key Word.”</td>
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<td>At the top of the second column write “Information.”</td>
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<td>Beneath that write “Definition of the Word” in parentheses.</td>
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<td>At the top of the third column write “Memory Cue.”</td>
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<td>Beneath that write “sentence or picture” in parentheses.</td>
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<th>Then draw a bunch of lines from left to right to indicate rows.</th>
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<td>In the first row, write a key word in the first column.</td>
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<td>For instance, let’s write “prevaricate.”</td>
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<td>Now, in the second column write the following definition:</td>
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<td>to speak or act in an evasive way</td>
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<td>Finally, in the third column practice using the new word in a sentence.</td>
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<td>Here’s one:</td>
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<td>The diplomat was a master of prevarication; he never said what he meant, and he hardly meant what he said.</td>
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<th>Make the chart as long as you need it by adding additional pages to list all of the new words you encounter.</th>
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<th>With a KIM Chart in your notebook, you'll be ready to look up and add new words any time the need arises!</th>
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<td>Click here for a KIM Chart template that you can download and take with you.</td>
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