

Instruction Sheet

Living in a Time of Climate Change Card Concept Mapping

During this activity your group will come to a consensus about how to arrange a set of words to reflect the relationships between them – the final product will be a “concept map” of *Living in a Time of Climate Change*.

There is no single correct way to map the words – this activity is simply a vehicle to get you to think and talk about your understanding of this topic based on your own personal knowledge, and what you have gained from the readings for today’s session.

Procedure:

1. Remove the words from the envelope and spread them out on the paper
2. Shift the words around and group them as you see fit, keeping in mind the relationships that may or may not exist between them.

This phase should generate conversation about what the words mean in the context of *Living in the Time of Climate Change*. Some of the words are general and as a group you can come to a consensus about what they mean to you.

3. Once you have them shifted to the group’s liking, then draw lines between the words (or groups of words) to indicate the relationships between them.

Note that the line you draw may be a:

- **single arrow** (relationship goes in one direction only: from one word to the other)
- **double-headed arrow** (bidirectional: relationship goes in both directions)
- **simple line** (words are connected by not in a directional, or causal, sense)

4. Add more explanation to your concept map – there may be information that you want to add the map to clarify your use of a word or to give further details about your understanding of the relationships between particular words. **Also**, it is useful to put action words or each arrow to further explain the relationship between those words.
5. Once you are satisfied with your map, then glue or tape your words to the paper so that you can lift it up to show everyone else.
6. Be prepared to share the highlights of your map, or of the conversation that you had, with the rest of the circle. Remember that everyone is working with the same words but will likely have a different-looking map than yours!