Word Web

What is a word web?

A word web is a visual way of learning new words and how they link with the existing words you already know.

Why would I use a word web?

Word webs can help you learn new vocabulary that is complicated or related to a particular topic. These are usually words you would not come across in your day-to-day life. They can be a useful way to support students who have speech, language and communication needs, or students who prefer to learn using visual means.
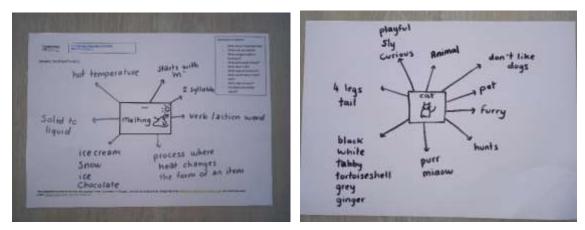
How do I make a word web?

A selection of templates can be found freely on the internet, there are also templates available on our website: www.commtap.org You can also draw out your own template.

1. Start with a blank piece of paper. Write and have a picture/symbol of the word in the middle – this can be a photo, symbol, drawing. Symbols are available from http://arasaac.org

2. Discuss with your student what they already know about the word, if they do not know anything, you could start to suggest ideas and see if the student is able to build on them. You could use a picture to encourage the student to describe the word.

3. You could keep the word webs you have made and make them into a visual dictionary for a particular topic you have been working on.

Examples: