Transcript in English

Video: The Mind Map Strategy

This mind map strategy is designed to help you expand your English vocabulary, but more importantly help you remember new vocabulary that you process.

So the first thing is to start out with our example word. In my case, I've chosen the word "grumpy". Now you're going to need an English dictionary to help you fill out your mind map.

The first thing you want to do is note the **pronunciation** of your chosen word. You want to mark where the stress is and you also want to think about what **type of word** it is. In this case, my word is an adjective.

The next thing you can do to help you remember your new word is to think of any **synonyms** that are in relation to your chosen word. Can you think of any synonyms that you already know? So here, I've chosen the synonyms: crabby, cranky, fussy and grouchy. So I'm also learning these along with my chosen word if they're new to me.

The next thing you can do is consider any opposites of your chosen word, so **antonyms**. In my case, I've chosen forbearing, patient, tolerant, uncomplaining. Again, I'm learning these words as well as my chosen word.

The next thing to consider, and you can locate these in a good English dictionary are any **collocations** in association to your new word. It's worth learning these two, so in my case I have "grumpy old man" and "feeling grumpy"

Now, another way to help you memorize your new word is to **associate** it to either an image or a sound or anything that can help you remember that word. So in my case, I can think of a "grumpy grandad". Okay, so I'm imagining a grumpy grandad and this is helping me to associate to my new word.

Now, the next and final thing you can consider when learning a new word is any **other type of forms** of that word. So my word is an adjective, but we could consider "grumpily" as an adverb, and "grumpiness" as a noun. So here you can see thinking of our vocabulary in this way, not only helps us remember it, but you can learn lots of other variations in relation to your chosen word.