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**overview**

Inspiration 8 is a visual learning resource and can be used by students of all ages and across most academic subjects. The software is organised around three environments for organising ideas graphically with diagrams, outlines and mind maps. All environments have the facility for instant working or can take advantage of supportive templates for outline plans and the mind mapping tool. Students can use the templates or design their own. The claim that students will develop critical thinking, planning and organisational skills through using this software is definitely a valid one. Inspiration 8 is ideal for a range of purposes, from showing basic representations of objects with their names for learning common words to building sophisticated mind maps for theory aspects of academic subjects.

Teachers could use the templates for lesson planning and for creating worksheets to use in class. Banks or 'libraries' of pictures are available to use when constructing charts and mind maps. Alternatively, the user can set up a new library, importing their own pictures.

There is a clear instruction manual and training videos to accompany the software, which makes the resource very accessible.

For teachers, Inspiration 8 would be useful as a main presentation tool for front of class teaching of new topics in most subjects. Otherwise, it could be easily networked and used by individual students to make notes or plan work.

Once the teacher and students get used to using this tool, I imagine that it would be quite easy to get into a pattern of using it regularly, as it has time-saving benefits and builds useful critical and organisational skills.

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