

Complete an Activity in Picture View

Once your diagram has been started, you are ready to add symbols to your **Main Idea**. Select any one of the following:

- You can drag a symbol from the **Symbol Palette** to add it to your diagram.
- You can add linked symbols using the **Add Symbol** tool. Be sure to first select the symbol with which you want to link. Continue clicking to add as many symbols as needed, then type the text you want to appear in each symbol.
- You can click anywhere and type (notice the crosshairs that appear). A symbol with your text will appear automatically.

If you are creating a template for your students, you have the ability to “lock” the position of symbols so that students cannot accidentally move them. Select the symbol. Then, on the **Teacher Menu**, click **Locked Item**. When symbols or **SuperGroupers** are locked, a diagonal line appears within their handles to indicate the locked position.

The **Symbol Maker** tool can be used to draw your own symbols in an activity. (See below)

Once your activity is complete, you can magnify or reduce the view of the diagram. Click the **Magnify** button in the lower left corner of the Kidspiration screen. Click once to fit the entire diagram in the window. Click twice to show the entire page, or click three times to view the diagram at actual size.

Remember to **Save**.

Symbol Maker

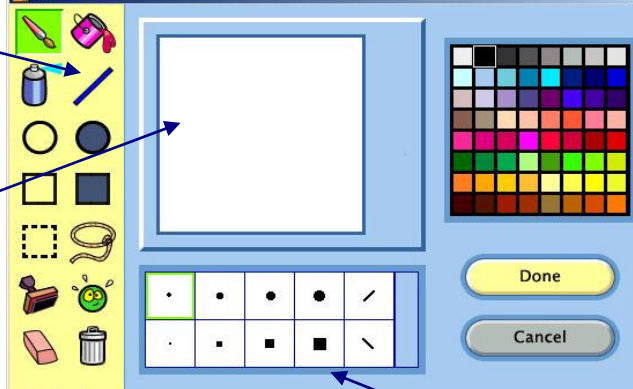
To add your own symbol to your diagram, click the **Symbol Maker** button on the Picture toolbar.

Click a tool to select it.

Draw on the canvas.

Next, select a tool, nib size if needed, and a color. Draw on the canvas by dragging the selected tool. Click **Done** and the symbol you have created will appear in your diagram.

You may also select a stamp from the **Stamp** palette.



Paintbrush – draw a solid freeform line

Paint Bucket – fill the background

Spray Can – Freeform line with a spray paint pattern

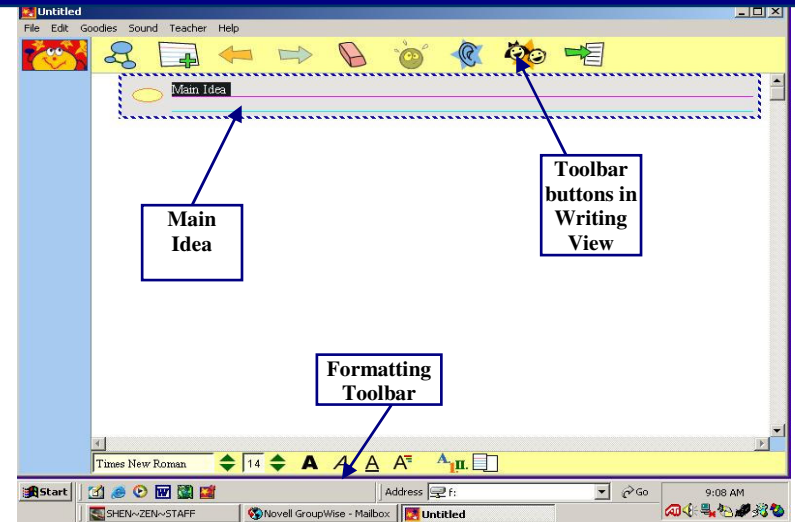
Circles and Squares – draw outline or solid shapes

Click a nib to select the shape and width of your line for the **Paintbrush**, **Spray Can**, **Line**, **Circle** or **Square** tool.

Writing View

You can use the ideas in a diagram to begin writing by switching to **Writing View**. Ideas can be moved up or down, (click and drag on the left side of the idea), and right or left using the arrows in the task bar.

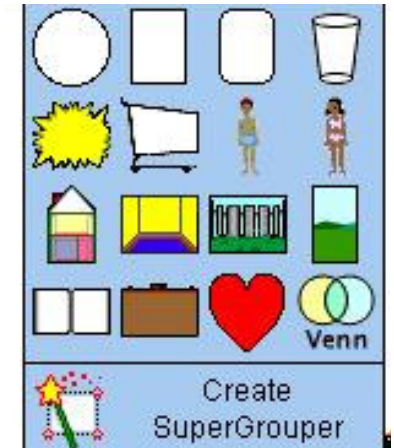
Use the **Formatting Toolbar** to change fonts or size of text, color of text, hide the lined paper or change the prefix style of the outline.



Super Groupers

Utilizing the **SuperGrouper** tool in **Kidspiration 2** is a great way for students to organize ideas. To add one to a project, click the **SuperGrouper** button on the **Picture** toolbar. Then, select the shape you wish to add to your diagram. There are more shapes in the last library selection, titled **Super Shapes** that are meant to be ones that teachers may find helpful in various curricular areas.

If you would prefer to use a shape from the **Symbol Library**, simply drag the symbol selected onto the diagram, click the **SuperGrouper** button and then click **Create SuperGrouper**. If necessary, adjust the size of the shape, by dragging a corner. The color can also be altered by using the formatting toolbar. Select the **SuperGrouper** and the **Symbol Colors** tool will appear. Notice that the colors contained within the shape appear. Click on the color you want to change, and then click a new color on the palette.



You may want to **Enable Teacher Menu**, select **Locked Item** and lock the SuperGrouper shape to prevent students from accidentally moving it.

Templates

To have a template ready for your students to use, first create the activity on a Teacher Station. You must then **Save** it on the **Student** side of the network (**Student G: Drive**). Follow the directions in the Educational Technology Resource notebook, Novell Netware, Mapping a Desktop Shortcut, to save to your school and teacher folder. (An activity could also be created using a student station, and saving directly to the student network.)

Kidspiration Version 2

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Kidspiration Version 2 Starter Page

Double clicking on the **Kidspiration** icon in the Program Menu will open the program to this page.

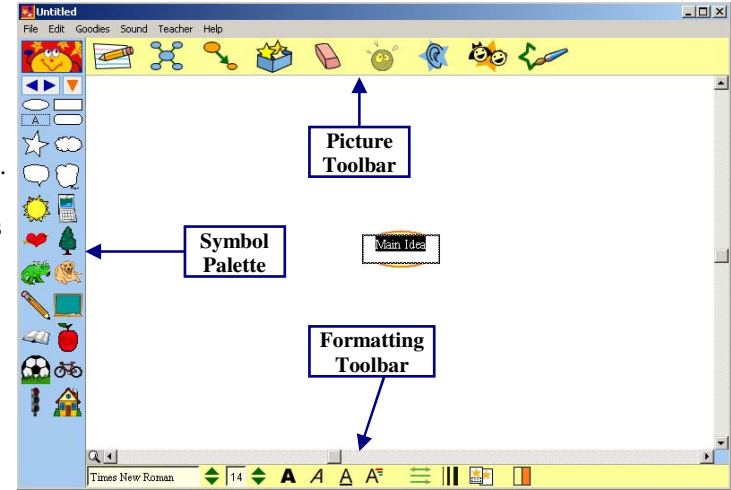
Select **Picture View** to start with a diagram or **Writing View** to start with words.

Open an existing file under **Open a File** or under **Activities**, click a category such as "Reading and Writing".

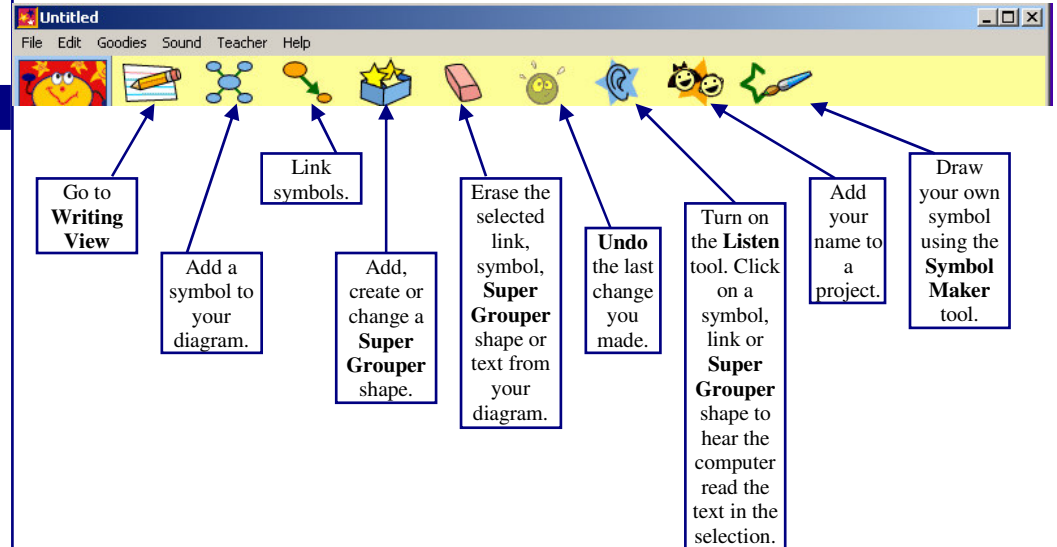


Picture View

In **Picture View**, **Kidspiration** gives students many different tools to organize and display their ideas visually. Use the buttons on the **Picture Toolbar** to access many features of the program. The **Symbol Palette** includes hundreds of symbols to show ideas. The **Formatting Toolbar** can be used to change the look of the text, symbols and links of the idea.



Picture View Toolbar



What's New in Kidspiration 2?

- Draw** – Students use draw/paint tools in **Symbol Maker** to create their own symbols.
- Group** – More **SuperGrouper** shapes are available, and any symbol can be transformed into a **SuperGrouper** shape. A Venn diagram shape has also been added.
- Connect** – Symbols displayed in **Picture View**, automatically transfer to **Writing View**.
- Lock** – Teachers can now freeze the position of items in **Picture** or **Writing View** so symbols are not accidentally deleted.
- Teacher symbols** – Teachers can add symbols that appear only in **Picture View** and won't interfere with **Writing View**.
- One-Click Publishing** – The **Publish** tool transfers student work from **Writing View** in **Kidspiration 2** to Microsoft Word.
- Screen size** – A new view option will size an entire **Picture View** project perfectly on the screen.
- Student name** – Student names are now visible on the screen and the name or text entered becomes the suggested file name when saving the project.
- Fonts** – Fonts and text sizes are accessed much more quickly through a pop-up menu.
- Activities** – **Kidspiration 2** offers 75 standards-based activities, many of them new.

Gettina Started!

To start a new **Diagram**, click the **Picture** button. A new document opens with a **Main Idea** symbol. Type a title in this area. Next, click the **Student Name** button, type in your name, and choose where you want the name to appear on the page. Click **OK**. Next, click **Save** on the **File** menu. Select the place you want the project saved, give it a name, and then click **Save**. Now, you are ready to add more symbols and text to this project.