



# Choosing an Appropriate Mental Model(s)

All knowledge has a structure. Being clear about the most suitable structure to develop a pupils knowledge will improve their comprehension and reduce misconceptions. Being able to switch between these builds and manipulating the information to create meaning is a sign of cognitive flexibility and demonstrates a deep understanding of the subject matter.

**Categorise**  
- Sorting, Grouping, Organising

**Rank**  
- Evaluate, Judgment, Continuum

**Combine**  
- Pair, Create, Join

**Describe**  
- Mindmap, Characteristics, Begin thinking about a topic

**Sequence**  
- Process, Order, Chronological

**Causal Explanation**  
- Effects, Causes, Why?

**Content Structure**  
- Hierarchy of ideas, Structures, Whole/Part Relationships

**Free Build**  
- Arrange, Make New Connections, Create

**Got a new one?**  
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