

# **Reading Strategy : THE KWL CHART**

**OLC40**

# What Is The KWL Chart?

The KWL chart is an tool used by students to help organize their thoughts and track their learning progress on a particular topic. It is designed to guide students through the process of exploring a subject, understanding what they already know, identifying what they want to learn, and reflecting on what they have learned.

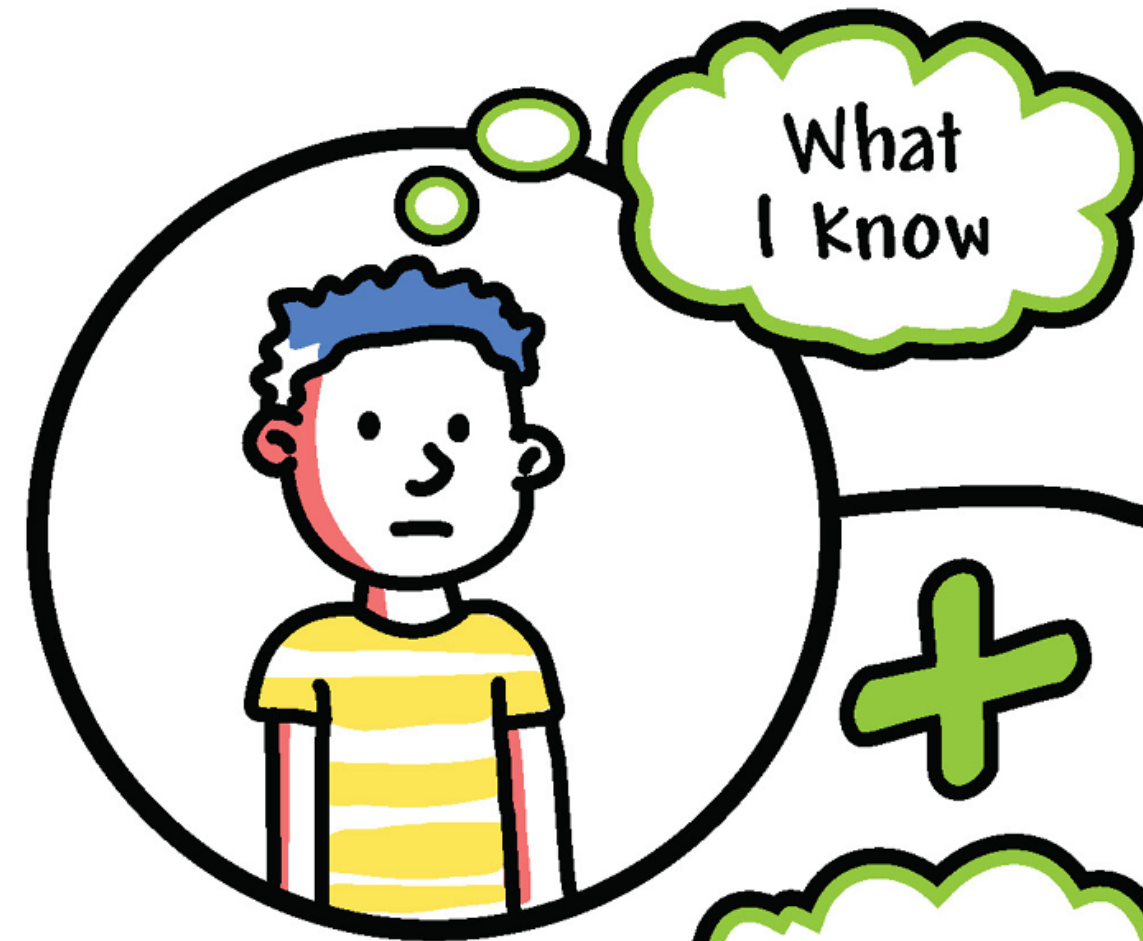
# K-W-L Chart

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

What I **K**now

What I **W**ant to Know

What I **L**earned



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At first I was thinking . . .  
because . . .



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When I was reading,  
I was thinking . . .  
because . . .



By the end, I was  
thinking . . .  
because . . .

# K- What I Know

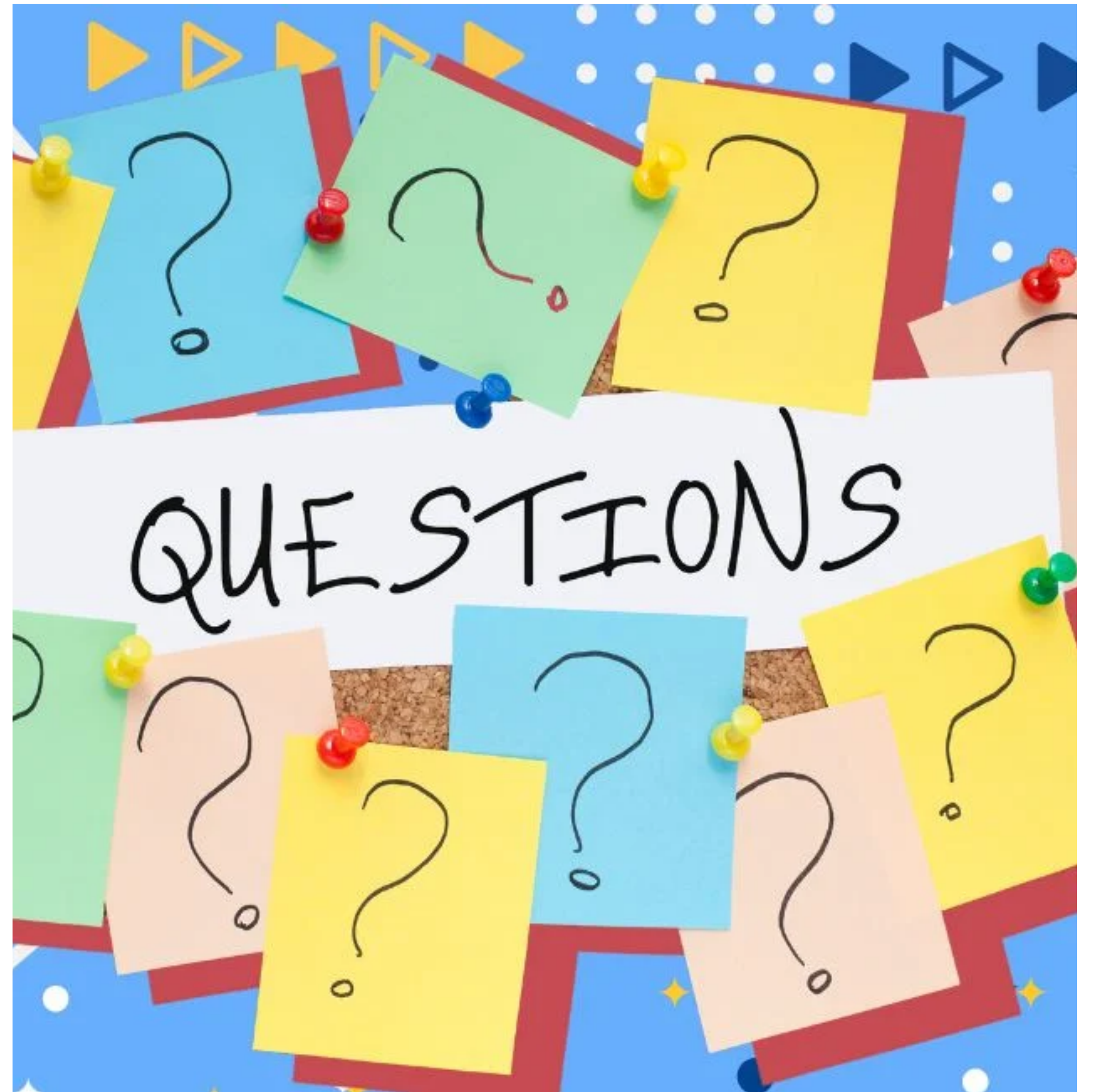
In this section, students write down what they already know about the topic before beginning their reading or research . This step helps activate prior knowledge and allows the student better plan for further research.





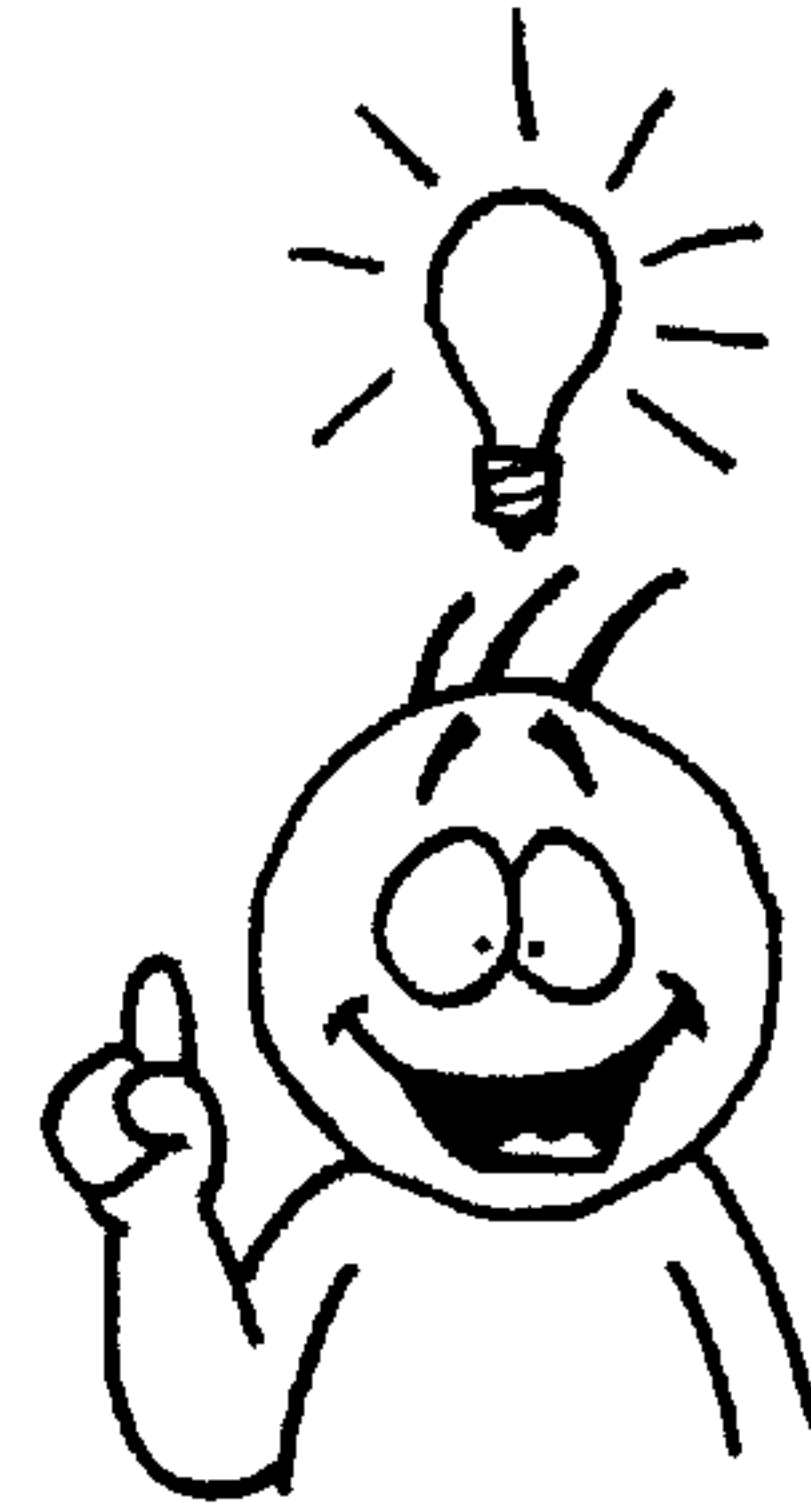
# W- What do I want to know?

In this section, students write down the questions they have or the specific information they want to learn about the topic. These questions can range from basic to more complex, and they serve as a roadmap for students' exploration.



# L- What have I learned ?

After conducting their reading or research students fill in this section with the new information they have acquired about the topic. This step allows students to gauge whether they have met their reading goals, or if they need to re-read or conduct further research.



# THE KWL Chart- An Example

Topic- The Solar System

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8 planets

Sun is at the centre

Each planet orbits the sun

No known life on planets other than Earth

Earth is the third planet from the sun

The sun is a star

Saturn has rings



# W

K	W
8 planets	What is the biggest planet?
Sun is at the centre	How far is the earth from the sun?
Each planet orbits the sun	What are Saturns rings made of ?
No known life on planets other than Earth	Why is mars red?
Earth is th ethrid planet from the sun	Do other planets have gravity?
The sun is a star	
Saturn has rings	

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K	W	L
8 planets	What is the biggest planet?	Our solar system is part of the milky way galaxy
Sun is at the centre	How far is the earth from the sun?	There are about 200 moons in our solar system
Each planet orbits the sun	What are Saturns rings made of ?	Saturns rings are made of 90% water
No known life on planets other than Earth	Why is mars red?	The solar system was formed 4.6 billion years ago
Earth is th ethrid planet from the sun	Do other planets have gravity?	The sun is 93 million miles from the earth
The sun is a star		Planets are different temperatures
Saturn has rings		The iron minerals In the soil on mars oxidizes or turns to rust. making it red