



How to Use and Create Venn Diagrams

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Venn diagrams are a type of graphic organizer used to compare topics or concepts. This type of diagram is a way to visually show the similarities and differences between the topics or concepts. Venn diagrams consist of two or three overlapping circles, each representing one topic or concept. The regions inside the circles show characteristics of each of the topics or concepts. The area where the circles overlap shows characteristics that are common among all of the topics or concepts. In most cases, your students will be able to come up with characteristics shared among two concepts. However, it is more difficult to find commonalities when there are three concepts represented. If your students have no experience with Venn diagrams, have them practice by giving them a few simple topics to compare. For example, they could make a Venn diagram listing the similarities and differences between themselves and their best friend.