

A First Grade “Me Chart” in Inspiration

To learn to use Inspiration, begin by making a simple “Me Chart.” You don’t have to think about what you do well, and what you like. Follow these instructions to use the basics of the program:

1. Click the green **Start** button on the bottom left of your screen.
2. Go up to **Inspiration 7.6** and click on it.
3. Without changing anything, simply begin typing your name. It will replace the dark blue writing in the center of the circle on your screen.
4. After you type your name, click the **RapidFire** button in the top left hand corner of the screen.
5. Type the words “**Things I Like**” and press **Enter**.
6. Type “**Things I Don’t Like**” and press **Enter**.
7. Click on the circle containing “Things I Like.” Be sure that the handles or little squares and circles come on around the circle.
8. Click and hold down one of the Corner small boxes around the circle, and drag the circle until it is large.
9. Click on the circle containing “Things I Don’t Like.” Be sure that the handles or little squares and circles come on around the circle.
10. Click and hold down one of the Corner small boxes around the circle, and drag the circle until it is large.
11. Add pictures to the circles by clicking on a picture in the picture pallet (the box in the upper left hand corner of your screen), and dragging and dropping it into the appropriate circle. Use the sideways arrows at the top of the pictures to move to more pictures. You may wish to use the down arrow to find the pictures using an index.

You have created a simple web. For more details, experiment with the program or ask for more instructions from your STS.