



**Discussing, Defining Health Topics and Terms**

Knowing the basic facts and using the correct terminology for health topics is very important. We need to know the basics and we need to use the proper terms, so that we are less embarrassed and more factual when we discuss these topics. Several webquests will have this brief activity as part of the quest. Use this sample report to record your notes about the topic and to also list the related terms and their definitions. Be sure to use your own words whenever possible so that you can remember the ideas and terms. This will also help you in class discussions about these topics.

For the information on each of the health topics that you learn about while on webquests, there will be specific websites and activities that will provide that information. Many of these sites will also include definitions and explanations of the health and medical terms used to discuss those issues. We will also use an interesting “visual thesaurus” ([www.visualthesaurus.com](http://www.visualthesaurus.com)) in many of these webquests. (Enter a term, and then click on the moving dots within the diagram and the software will produce a mind-map of related terms, using both scientific and popular terms.

Health Topic/Issue	Why this is Important to My Health?	What are the important things that I need to know, feel or do about this health topic/issue?	What are the related terms and words that I need to remember about this topic?

An experiment in language and interface, The Plumb Design Visual Thesaurus is both an artistic exploration and a tool to explore, study, and analyze the structure of language. By displaying the interrelationships between words and meanings as spatial maps, the Visual Thesaurus translates language into a visible architecture.

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