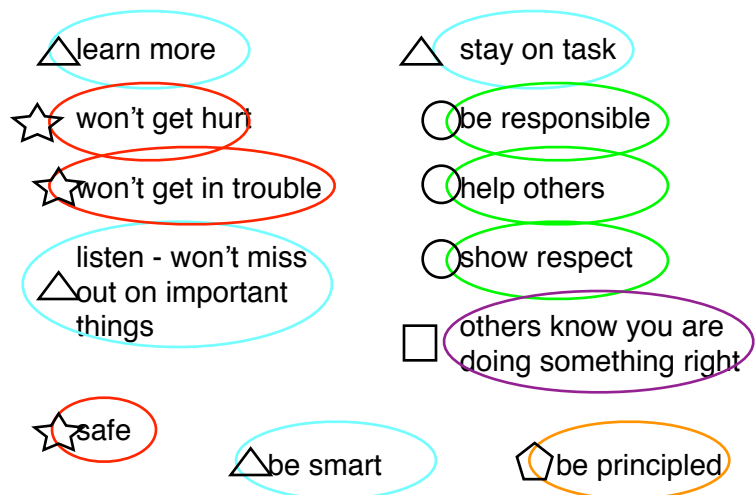


Language Tips

Writing Series: Organize Your Brainstorming Page

4. Group my ideas (I'll need 3-4 colors for this task)
- a. circle ideas that go together with the one color or place a shape next to them
- b. circle the next group of ideas in a different color or place a different shape next to them



Definition:

Coordinating Conjunctions - connect words, phrases, or clauses. They are easy to recognize because there are only seven: **for**, **and**, **nor**, **but**, **or**, **yet**, **so**. The acronyms FAN BOYS can help you remember these coordinating conjunctions.

Examples:

F - He was very tired, **for** it was past bedtime.

A - I went to the zoo **and** the mall yesterday.

N - She did not like gymnastics, **nor** did she like ballet.

B - I would have gone fishing, **but** I had too much work to finish.

O - You can go, **or** I will.

Y - We see him often, **yet** we rarely talk to him.

S - Jeremy didn't like school lunches, **so** he brought his own.