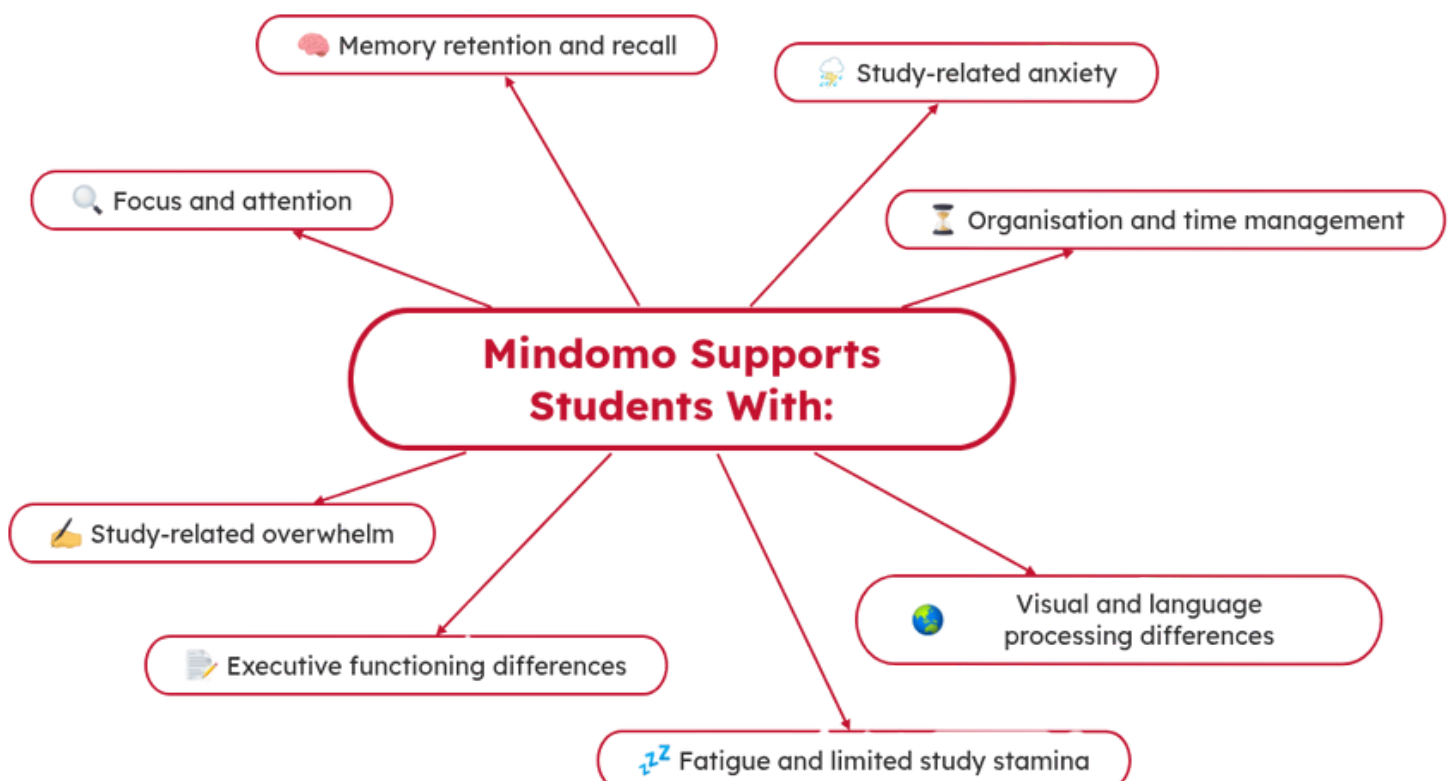


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## Justification Document: Why choose Mindomo?

Mindomo is a **mind mapping and visual learning platform** that helps students organise, plan, and process information in accessible and engaging ways. With tools for **mind maps, concept maps, outlines, and Gantt charts**, it supports students in turning complex material into clear, structured diagrams. Features such as **AI prompts, multimedia integration, and collaboration tools** reduce barriers to learning, helping students work more independently and effectively.





## Relevant NAR Sections – Justification Examples

### B-2-1 – Research and reading

Mindomo supports students in **managing academic reading** by turning dense material into visual concept maps and outlines that highlight the key arguments, theories, and relationships between ideas. This **reduces the reliance on long passages of text** and makes it easier for students with SpLDs or memory difficulties to **process information**. Students can also enrich their maps with hyperlinks, images, and audio notes, creating **accessible, multi-sensory research materials**. By revisiting and updating these maps throughout their course, students build a personalised library of study resources that makes revision **more efficient and less overwhelming**.

### B-2-2 – Writing and reviewing academic work

Mindomo helps students approach academic writing with **greater clarity and structure**. Essays, reports, and dissertations can be planned visually, allowing students to brainstorm ideas, organise them into categories, and reorder points logically before committing to written text. This **reduces the “blank page” anxiety** that can often delay writing. Once mapped, work can be exported into formats like Word or PDF, where students can further refine and review their arguments. For students with ADHD, autism, or executive functioning challenges, this process provides a **clear, step-by-step pathway** from initial idea to finished work, **reducing disorganisation** and helping them meet academic standards with **confidence**.

### B-2-3 – Note-taking in lectures and seminars

Mindomo enables students to take notes in a non-linear, visual format that captures the key points of a lecture or seminar in a more accessible way than traditional text-heavy methods. Students can add branching ideas, colour coding, numbering, and multimedia content such as recordings or images to their maps, helping them to organise information and highlight what is most important. This makes it **easier to revisit and recall** lecture material when preparing for assignments or exams. For students with dyslexia or ADHD, the ability to work with interactive, visually engaging notes helps **sustain attention and reduces cognitive load** during fast-paced sessions.

### B-2-4 – Managing time and organising work

Mindomo provides a range of tools that directly support students with planning, organisation, and time management. Gantt charts, timelines, and task lists allow coursework and deadlines to be broken into **smaller, achievable steps, reducing the risk of overwhelm and procrastination**. Students can track progress visually, monitor upcoming deadlines, and prioritise tasks across multiple modules. For students with executive functioning challenges, ADHD, or chronic fatigue, this clear, predictable structure helps them **pace their workload, conserve energy, and build consistency** in their study routines. By making academic tasks more structured and transparent, Mindomo supports both **independence and accountability** in higher education.

## Conditions and Symptoms: How Mindomo Supports Students

<b>Difficulty</b>	<b>How Mindomo Supports</b>
<b>Dyslexia / SpLD</b>	Mindomo's ability to replace dense text with visual hierarchies, symbols, and multimedia reduces reading load whilst maintaining academic content. Mind mapping breaks information into manageable visual chunks, making study tasks clearer and more accessible.
<b>ADHD</b>	Students with ADHD often find traditional study methods difficult to sustain. Mindomo's drag-and-drop functionality keeps students actively engaged, while colour coding and branching structures help organise scattered thoughts into clear, structured academic work.
<b>Chronic Fatigue / Health Conditions</b>	For students with limited energy, Mindomo enables efficient study by transforming complex information into concise, visual diagrams. With AI prompts and templates, students can begin work quickly, reducing cognitive load and conserving energy for learning.
<b>Memory Retention</b>	Mindomo supports memory by using concept maps, colour coding, and multimedia cues that strengthen connections between ideas. Revisiting and adapting maps over time supports long-term memory retention and makes revision more effective.
<b>Anxiety / Overwhelm</b>	Mindomo provides visual organisation and predictable structures, helping to reduce feelings of overwhelm. AI prompts, templates, and step-by-step planning tools allow students to break tasks into smaller, achievable goals, supporting confidence and calm study.
<b>Autism / Executive Functioning</b>	Mindomo supports executive functioning by providing visual workflows and consistent structures for planning and sequencing. With customisable layouts, students can organise work in a way that suits their individual thinking style, making complex tasks easier to manage.
<b>Visual Processing Differences</b>	Mindomo enhances accessibility by offering colour coding, icons, and multimedia integration, giving multiple ways to process and interpret information. This makes academic content more clear, memorable, and engaging.

## Challenges VS. Solutions

Students often experience challenges with organisation, memory, focus, and confidence in their studies. Mindomo provides visual, structured, and accessible tools that reduce these barriers. The section below links common study challenges with the specific Mindomo features that address them, supporting assessor recommendations.

### **Challenge:**

Organising large assignments or research projects

### **Mindomo Solution:**

Mindomo allows students to break complex tasks into clear, visual mind maps, outlines, and Gantt charts. This makes large projects less overwhelming, giving students a step-by-step pathway from brainstorming to final submission.

### **Challenge:**

Retaining key ideas for revision and exams

### **Mindomo Solution:**

With concept maps, colour coding, and multimedia integration, Mindomo helps students create memorable visual cues that reinforce connections between ideas. Maps can be revisited and adapted, supporting long-term memory retention and effective exam revision.

### **Challenge:**

Starting assignments or overcoming a blank page

### **Mindomo Solution:**

Mindomo's AI assistant provides prompts, questions, and suggested structures, helping students generate ideas and start writing with less stress. This reduces procrastination, builds momentum, and helps students approach work systematically.

### **Challenge:**

Staying focused and reducing distraction

### **Mindomo Solution:**

Mindomo's interactive, customisable maps keep students actively engaged, while predictable layouts reduce cognitive load. The ability to add multimedia, colour, and icons makes study materials more stimulating and easier to concentrate on.

### **Challenge:**

Working with mentors and tutors

### **Mindomo Solution:**

Mindomo supports real-time collaboration and sharing, allowing students to receive guidance, comments, and feedback directly in their maps. History makes it easy for mentors to review progress and provide targeted support, encouraging accountability and consistency.

### **Challenge:**

Reducing anxiety and study-related stress

### **Mindomo Solution:**

Mindomo provides visual organisation and structured planning tools that reduce feelings of overwhelm. By breaking assignments into smaller steps and tracking achievements, students can study with more confidence and less stress.

## Key Features

### Visual clarity:

Mindomo's mind mapping approach **replaces dense text** with visual hierarchies, symbols, and multimedia, **directly addressing dyslexic students' reading difficulties** whilst maintaining academic content. The non-linear structure supports students with **visual processing differences** by providing multiple ways to interpret and organise information.

### Organisation:

Gantt charts, timelines, and visual workflows provide **essential executive functioning support** for students with ADHD and autism spectrum conditions. These structured planning tools help **break down complex assignments into manageable steps, reducing overwhelm** and supporting **effective time management** across modules.

### Accessibility:

Multimedia integration (audio notes, images, videos) enables students with chronic fatigue to **study efficiently with reduced cognitive load**, whilst colour coding and visual cues **strengthen memory retention** for students with memory difficulties. This **multi-sensory approach** makes academic content more accessible and engaging.

### AI support:

Intelligent prompts and suggested structures directly **address procrastination and blank page anxiety** by providing starting points for assignments. This **reduces study-related stress** and helps students with executive functioning difficulties **approach work systematically and with greater confidence**.

### Collaboration:

Real-time sharing with study skills mentors and tutors provides **structured support** essential for students with various learning differences. Version history and commenting tools enable **targeted feedback**, supporting **accountability and consistent progress tracking** across academic work.

*These features work together to transform traditional text-based study methods into accessible, visual learning approaches that support students with dyslexia, ADHD, chronic fatigue, anxiety, autism spectrum conditions, and executive functioning difficulties.*

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