

Choosing a Career: Give Yourself a Little Help Through Mind Mapping

They wanted him out of the house. He was 29. He didn't seem to be going anywhere.

"Perhaps you should look for work?" said Mom. She loved her son but he didn't seem to be moving much lately. The couch and he, however, had fantastic rapport.

"I'm not ready, " the son replied. "I don't know what I want to do."

"And so?" the mother contributed thoughtfully, stepping back at the only place she could to encourage a little neuron firing in her son.

"Yea and so?"

This time, loving mom gave it back. "Son, you figure things out by doing things. Each thing you do gets you that much closer to what it is you like. You can't know without trying things out!"

"Ah, mom. I can't talk to you. Door slams. Couch seems victorious.

Well, mom, suddenly short on words and short on patience, waits for night to fall and when her son goes to bed, has Dad haul out the couch. And when the sun rose the next day, it was clear that they would all live happily ever...

No, wait, wait! A damn couch isn't going to fix anything. No, no. And we're still in Act 1.

Rollback on Mind Mapping Story

Okay, so our wishy-washy lazy bones son stays in the bedroom. Weeks pass, and he still hasn't broached the subject of his career.

"Son, the sky hasn't fallen but you don't look too good. Your dad mentioned to me just the other day that you still don't have a good idea of what you want to do. He says you come up with a few things and dismiss them out of hand.

"Gee, I'm sick of both of you laying into me. The only one I can trust is the cat!" And with that, the son slipped back into his room.

Well, this was excellent news. Sylvester had been the cat they had all fallen in love with, their pick of the litter for his un-cat-like quality of hauling rather large and unlikely objects from place to place with a twinkle in his eye, the silliest of whiskers, and a luscious tail.

And it was because of their shared bond with Sylvester that mother, now

confident of her wisdom, knew exactly what was before her. She gave Sylvester a lovely unwrapped DVD case titled in large letters, the words mind mapping very prominently in view. Minutes later, the delighted voice of her son wafted through the house.

"Ah, Sylvester, what's this?" The son had actually replaced hours on the couch with new dedication to his computer screen. He put it in the computer and the rest is history.

The son presented his parents with his career plan, a mind mapping visual extraordinaire, remarkably detailed, and full of creative plans that only the best in mind mapping can provide. And you know what? He got going on his career the very next week!

Want to see how he did it? [Click here](#) to learn how absolutely amazing a tool for mind mapping can be!

P.S. He hasn't really missed the couch.

Some Useful Links

Here are some useful resources with more information about Mind Mapping:
[Example Mind Map](#)

[This shows a gallery of lots of sample Mind Maps developed to improve productivity and communications](#)

Business Guide to Mind Mapping book

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Wikipedia information about Mind Maps

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