



Reading: graphic organiser

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See the next page for an example of how to use this graphic organiser.

Reading: graphic organiser (example)

This graphic organiser has been partially completed to demonstrate how to use it. You might like to try completing the rest of the main ideas and supporting ideas.

What are you reading? Write the full citation here. Norris, Ray. (2017). Exoplanet discovery by an amateur astronomer shows the power of citizen science. <i>The Conversation</i> . Retrieved from https://theconversation.com/exoplanet-discovery-by-an-amateur-astronomer-shows-the-power-of-citizen-science-75912		
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Main idea 1 <i>Professional and amateur or citizen scientists can work together.</i>	Main idea 2 <i>Discoveries by amateur scientists can be as important as those by professional scientists.</i>	Main idea 3
Supporting ideas <i>This is a new way of performing science.</i>	Supporting ideas <i>The discovery is legitimate and will be reported like all other legitimate discoveries.</i>	Supporting ideas
<i>The internet makes these collaborations and discoveries possible.</i>		
<i>More discoveries are possible.</i>		
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