

Student Personas & Examples of MindView Recommendations





Aaliyah

*(Dyslexia, Short Working Memory,
Slower Reading Pace)*



Disability Information

- ▶ Experiences significant difficulty with phonological processing, which affects spelling and decoding unfamiliar words.
- ▶ Has a reduced working memory capacity, making it challenging to hold multiple ideas in mind when planning or writing.
- ▶ Reads at a slower pace than peers, which increases fatigue and limits time for drafting and proofreading.
- ▶ Reports anxiety when faced with large volumes of text or unstructured tasks.

Recommendation | Writing and reviewing academic work

MindView is recommended to help Aaliyah plan and structure her written work in a way that reduces cognitive overload and supports her working memory. She can create a visual map to capture ideas quickly and organise them into a logical sequence.

The ability to personalise the map with colours and images will make the process more engaging and easier to navigate. Once her plan is complete, she can export it directly to Microsoft Word, which will generate a structured document with headings and subheadings, reducing the anxiety of starting from a blank page.

MindView's native text-to-speech function with high quality natural voices will allow her to review her work audibly, while Predictive Text and built-in Dictation will support faster and more accurate text entry. These features work together to minimise the impact of slow reading speed and short working memory, enabling Aaliyah to focus on developing her ideas rather than struggling with structure and formatting.



Owen

(ADHD, Attention Regulation Difficulties,
Time Management Challenges)



Disability Information

- ▶ Finds it difficult to sustain attention during long or complex tasks, leading to frequent loss of focus.
- ▶ Experiences impulsivity and struggles to prioritise tasks effectively, often switching between activities without completing them.
- ▶ Has poor time awareness, which results in missed deadlines or last-minute work under pressure.
- ▶ Reports feeling overwhelmed when faced with multiple competing demands.

Recommendation | Managing time and organising work & Writing and reviewing academic work

MindView is recommended to assist Owen in breaking down complex tasks into manageable steps and maintaining focus throughout the planning process. He can use the mind mapping view to capture ideas quickly and then switch to the outline or timeline view to create a clear sequence of tasks.

The ability to colour-code branches and apply visual cues will help him prioritise and stay engaged. MindView's task management tools, including the Timeline, Year Wheel, Kanban and Gantt chart, will allow Owen to set deadlines and monitor progress, reducing the risk of last-minute rushes.

When he is ready to draft, he can export his structured plan into Word or PowerPoint, ensuring a smooth transition from planning to writing.

The Focus and Branch Focus modes will help him minimise distractions, while native Dictation will allow him to capture ideas without losing momentum. These features provide Owen with a structured, visually engaging workflow that supports his attention and time management needs.



Maya

(Autism, Sensory Processing Sensitivities, Difficulty Managing Change)



Disability Information

- ▶ Finds it difficult to cope with unexpected changes or ambiguous instructions, which increases anxiety.
- ▶ Experiences sensory overload in visually busy or noisy environments, reducing concentration and stamina.
- ▶ Struggles with social communication demands in group work or when receiving feedback from multiple sources.
- ▶ Prefers predictable routines and clear, structured workflows to manage academic tasks effectively.

Recommendation | Managing time and organising work & Writing and reviewing academic work

MindView is recommended to give Maya a predictable and structured environment for planning her work. She can use the mind mapping view to break down complex briefs into clear, hierarchical branches, which will reduce ambiguity and provide a visual representation of the task.

The ability to personalise the map with colours and layouts will help her create a workspace that feels comfortable and reduces sensory overload.

Maya can attach files, links, and notes to each branch, keeping all related information in one place and reducing the need to switch between multiple platforms. When she is ready to draft, she can export her plan to Word, ensuring that the structure remains consistent and eliminating uncertainty during the writing process.

MindView's Focus mode and high-contrast options will help her manage sensory sensitivities, while the timeline and Gantt views will provide a clear overview of deadlines and progress. These features create a stable, transparent workflow that supports Maya's need for clarity and control.



Noah

(Dyspraxia, Motor Coordination Difficulties, Organisation Challenges)



Disability Information

- ▶ Experiences fine motor difficulties that make handwriting slow and physically tiring.
- ▶ Struggles with sequencing and organising multi-step tasks, particularly in practical or written work.
- ▶ Finds it challenging to maintain neatness and consistency when producing handwritten notes or diagrams.
- ▶ Reports fatigue and frustration when required to rewrite or reformat work multiple times.

Recommendation | Writing and reviewing academic work

MindView is recommended to support Noah in organising multi-step tasks and reducing the physical effort associated with planning and drafting. He can use the mind map view to lay out ideas visually and reorder them easily using drag-and-drop or keyboard shortcuts, avoiding the need for extensive re-writing.

The ability to switch between map, outline, and timeline views will help him understand the sequence of tasks and maintain clarity throughout the process. When his plan is complete, he can export it to Word or Excel, which will create a formatted document without requiring manual layout adjustments.

MindView's integration with Dragon and built-in dictation tools will allow Noah to input text and control the software by voice, reducing reliance on fine motor skills. These features combine to provide Noah with an efficient, low-effort method for planning and structuring his work, helping him overcome organisational challenges and physical strain.



Priya

*(Visual Impairment, Visual Fatigue,
Navigation Difficulties)*



Disability Information

- ▶ Has reduced visual acuity, making it difficult to read small text or poorly formatted documents.
- ▶ Experiences visual fatigue during extended reading or screen use, which limits study endurance.
- ▶ Finds it challenging to navigate long documents without clear headings or bookmarks.
- ▶ Reports frustration when learning materials are not provided in accessible formats.

Recommendation | Writing and reviewing academic work

MindView is recommended to help Priya reduce visual strain and manage information in an accessible format. She can create a concise mind map to organise ideas visually, which will minimise the need to navigate through long linear documents during the early stages of planning.

The software's compatibility with screen readers, high-contrast themes, and keyboard-only navigation will allow Priya to work comfortably and efficiently. Once her plan is complete, she can export it to Word, where she can apply her preferred accessibility settings such as zoom and text-to-speech.

MindView's outline view and automatic numbering will make navigation easier, while the ability to attach files and audio notes to branches will reduce the need to handle multiple documents. These features enable Priya to maintain independence and reduce fatigue while managing complex academic tasks.



Daniel

(Chronic Pain, Fatigue, Reduced Physical Stamina)



Disability Information

- ▶ Experiences chronic pain that limits his ability to sit and type for extended periods.
- ▶ Suffers from fatigue that fluctuates daily, making it difficult to maintain consistent study routines.
- ▶ Finds it challenging to complete tasks that require repetitive physical effort, such as re-writing or reformatting work.
- ▶ Reports increased anxiety when symptoms interfere with meeting deadlines.

Recommendation | Writing and reviewing academic work

MindView is recommended to reduce the physical and cognitive effort required for planning and drafting.

Daniel can capture ideas quickly in a mind map and re-order them without re-writing, which will save energy and minimise strain. The ability to export the plan directly to Word will eliminate repetitive formatting tasks and allow him to focus on content rather than layout.

MindView's dictation feature and Dragon integration will enable Daniel to input text and control the software by voice, reducing the need for prolonged typing.

The timeline, year wheel, Kanban and Gantt views will help him distribute tasks across his available energy levels, while MindView Drive will allow him to access his work from different locations, supporting flexibility and comfort. These features provide Daniel with a streamlined, low-effort workflow that accommodates his fluctuating stamina and pain levels.