

**Video Four –  
Creating a Language Experience Story Using a Graphic Organizer**

Tutor: Ok, so, you've already told me a lot about growing vegetables and growing peppers already. Um, so let's use what you've told me about that in this chart and create a story out of it. So, let's create a story about your trip to the farmer's market.

Student: Um, I don't really know how.

Tutor: That's ok. Writer's often have trouble getting started. A good idea is to create what we call a mind map. A mind map is pretty much mapping out your ideas and thoughts on paper.

Student: Ok.

Tutor: So, as you talk I will create the mind map for you.

Student: Ok.

Tutor: Ok.

Student: Um, last weekend I went to the farmer's market and there were a lot of people selling different fruits and vegetables. There were a lot of different peppers. Um, some of the peppers were red, and orange, and yellow. And some of the peppers were dry peppers, like this one [holds one up and gives it to the tutor.]

Tutor: Oh, um, great!

Student: Yeah. Some of the peppers are sweet and some of them are really hot. So ...

Tutor: Ok, that's great!

Student: Yeah. Um, bell peppers are really easy to pick when they're ripe. And these peppers [picks up red pepper], the hot peppers, you need to pick when they're red.

Voice over: Here's an example of a mind map made with simple software. Here's a good one. And here's a better one.