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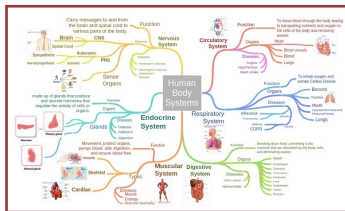
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CHECK THIS TECH! *innovative teaching tools & services*

Having trouble describing a concept or process? Described as a "clear way to share complex information" [Coggle](#) is a great app for visual learners. Coggle is free and easy to use. Add text, graphics, or web links to create concept maps or other forms of visual organizers. Watch this easy-to-follow [video](#) on how to clarify your course concept with Coggle.

Their FREE version has these features:

- 3 private/unlimited public diagrams
- 1600 beautiful icons and unlimited image uploads
- Auto-arrange branches
- Unconnected text boxes
- Full change history
- Shared folders
- Embeddable diagrams
- Export and Import options



Check out their [Gallery of Coggles](#) for inspiration to get started!

Did you know?

Tips for faculty

Ten Google Forms tips every teacher should know about

This [Visual Guide](#) is based on instructions and insights from Google's [Docs Help](#) center and walks you through the process of setting up, editing and sharing forms using the new Google Forms platform. The visual covers the following how-tos:

- Create a form from Spreadsheets
- Add a section to a form
- Add an image or video to a form
- Add a section to a form
- Send respondents to a specific section based on an answer
- Choose a form response destination
- Share your form with collaborators
- Delete responses from within a form

Suggestions? Please click on our [Ideas box!](#)



Faculty Watercooler

Faculty discussions on subjects that matter to you

[Award-Winning Teachers Reflect on Their Training](#)

In this article six faculty members who've won awards for their teaching skills reflect on their teaching training as doctoral students. They share what they wish they had learned and what they are most grateful for learning.

Keeping Up

The latest in Teaching and Learning

[Dr. Katie Linder](#) hosts the weekly podcast series "You've Got This" - created for higher ed professionals looking to increase their confidence and capacity for juggling the day-to-day demands of an academic life.



In [Episode 30: Back Pocket Teaching Activities](#) she describes five different class activities to add some variety to your class structure and to use on days you are not available.

Here's a sample of some of her other podcast titles:

- *Turning Lemons into Lemonade*
- *Talking About Money with Speaking Clients*
- *Favorite Time Saving Strategies*
- *Surviving vs. Thriving*
- *Finding Your Most Productive Schedule*
- *And many, many more!*



Dr. Linder's podcasts can be shared via web link or embedded into your Blackboard course. Call CTL if you need help!



**some videos may be a bit longer!*