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In my Reading/Language Arts classes at school, I have learned that it is important to explain what you think. It helps to be very organized and helps whoever you are talking to understand what you are talking about.

One way to explain your thoughts is to make a graphic organizer. First you draw a shape with your topic in the middle. Then you draw a line for a supporting detail, then another, and another until you have all of your supporting details listed. You can use graphic organizers for all sorts of things like on tests, in college or just to organize something.

Last Christmas I wanted an iPhone so bad. My parents kept telling me no and that I was too young to have a phone. I was tired of that. I wanted to convince them to buy me a cell phone. So, I made a graphic organizer to tell my parents why they should get me a phone. My supporting details were 1) I want one, 2) I would just play games 3) No calls or texts unless there was an emergency and 4) Fun and cool.

I must have done pretty good with my graphic organizer. Although I didn't get the iPhone that I wanted, I did get an iPod! If you draw one the next time you want something, it just might work for you too!