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 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

# Starting your own business

Starting your own business may let you earn money by doing what you love or solving problems you care about.

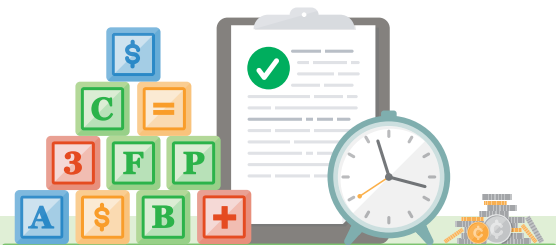
## What does it mean to be an entrepreneur?

Being an entrepreneur means starting your own business. When you have your own business, you're responsible for making it successful. People who start their own business usually do best when they have confidence and leadership skills that help them solve problems, work with people, and do excellent work.

## Brainstorm business ideas

Give it a try! Use the prompts to help you come up with a few business ideas. Write your answers and related business ideas below.

| Prompts   | Sample answers and related business ideas   | Your answers | Related business ideas |
|---|---|--------------|------------------------|
| An idea you have or problem you'd like to solve | Sample answer: Kids don't like to clean their bedrooms.<br>Sample business idea: Create a bedroom cleaning business for kids. |              |                        |
| A talent or skill you have                      | Sample answer: I'm great at soccer.<br>Sample business idea: Offer soccer clinics to teach younger kids how to play.          |              |                        |
| A passion or interest you have                  | Sample answer: I love dogs.<br>Sample business idea: Open a dog-walking business.   |              |                        |

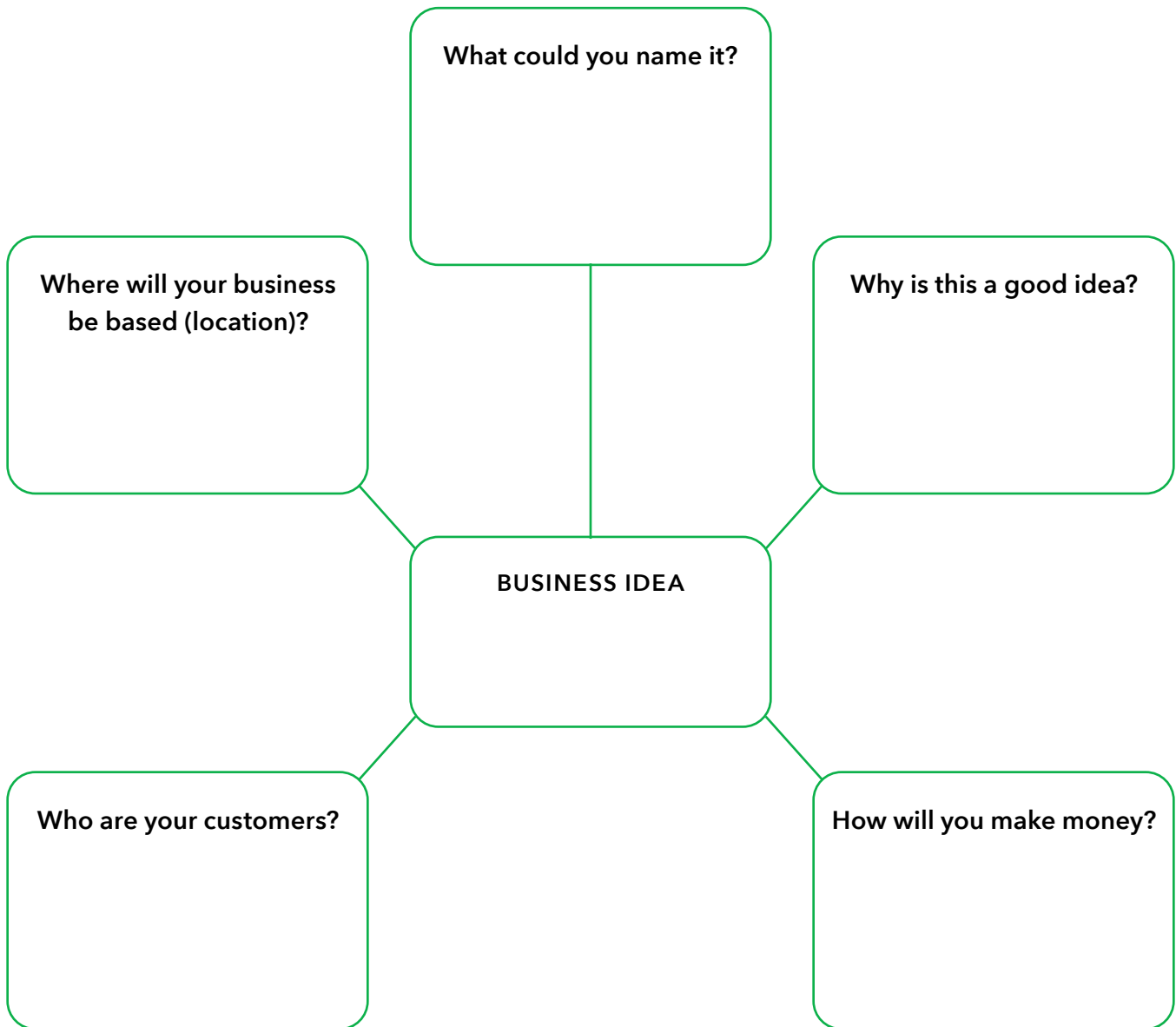


## Digging deeper into a business idea

Now, pick one of the business ideas you thought of and do some mind mapping to explore what that business could look like.

### Create your mind map

1. Write the business idea in the center square.
2. Then write answers to each of the questions in the outer squares.



## Reflection questions

1. If you started the business you described above, what would you enjoy about it?  
Why would these things be enjoyable?

2. What challenges might you face if you started this business? How would you deal with those challenges?

3. Do you think you'd like to start your own business? Why or why not?