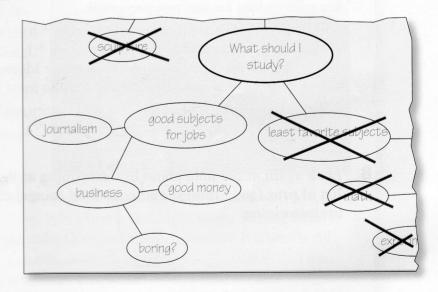
## **Editing**

## → How to edit

After you have gathered plenty of ideas, you will need to go back and edit them. This is the time to choose which ideas are the most interesting, and which are the most *relevant* to (important or necessary for) your topic. Of course, you can still add new ideas if you think of something else while you are re-reading your list. For example, the student writing "What should I study in college?" edited her list like this:

history—learning about the past
math (too difficult, not interesting?) Not interesting to me.
What job do I want later? Describe more.
English for work? Travel?
writing? Important in many subjects.
science—biology, chemistry
I don't like physics! I don't want to study science!
journalism
I like reading—literature?
art—drawing, painting, sculpture
photography?
studying / homework What about it?
friends / social life Not related.

To edit freewriting, cross out sentences or parts of sentences that aren't related. You can add more ideas in the margin or add more sentences at the bottom. To edit a map, cross out circles that don't belong, and add new ones if you get more ideas. You might also change the lines you have drawn.



6 Look at the list you made in exercise 3 on page 6, the freewriting you did in exercise 4 on page 7, or the map you made in exercise 5 on page 8. Edit your brainstorming. Show your work to a partner. Explain how you edited your brainstorming.