



## Working with nodes

### Creating nodes

If you already know what themes you are looking for (based on your literature review, for example)—you can create and organize the nodes before you start coding:

1. In the **Navigation View**, show **Nodes**.
2. On the **Create** tab, in the **Nodes** group, click **Node**.
3. Enter a name and description.
4. Click **Done** and the new node is added to List View.
5. You can add 'child' nodes (sub-nodes) under the new node and create a node hierarchy:

Alternatively, if you want to see what themes emerge from your sources, you can create nodes as you code. (Refer to "Coding your source materials" on page 28.)

### Creating node hierarchies

Organizing your nodes into a hierarchy is an important part of the analytical process, helping you to refine your thoughts and draw connections between themes.

Add 'child' nodes (sub-nodes) under an existing node to create a hierarchy. You can also drag & drop or cut & paste to move them around.

Click the disclosure triangle to expand the hierarchy

If the parent node has 'aggregation' turned on, any content coded at the child nodes is rolled-up into the parent node

Name	Sources	References
▼ ● Economy	24	302
● Agriculture	8	20
▶ ● Fishing or aquaculture	19	184
● Jobs and cost of living	16	86
● Tourism	6	11

As you code at the node, you can see the number of sources and references increase