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.