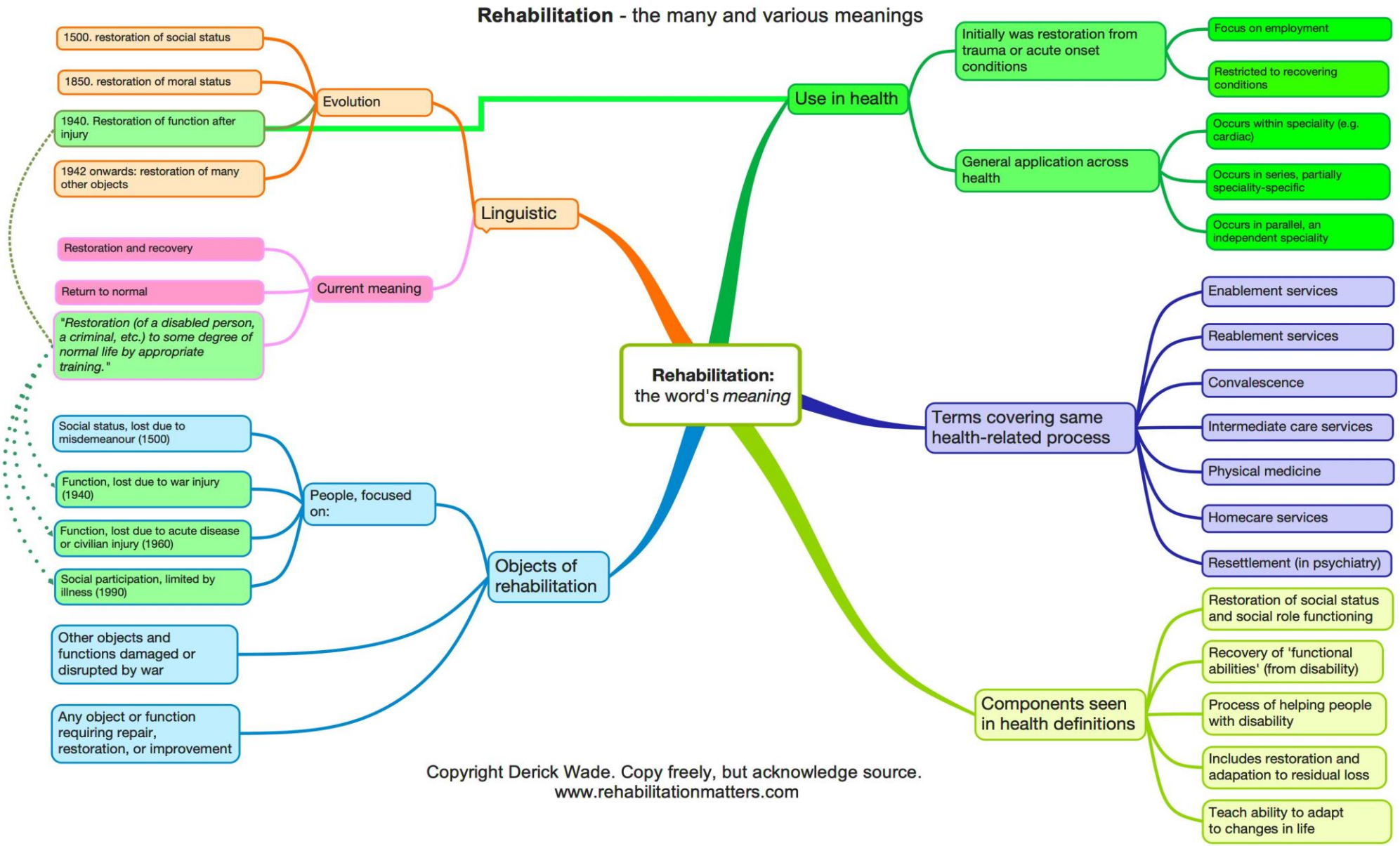
Figure two


Rehabilitation - the many and various meanings
Rehabilitation: the word's meaning
Linguistic
Evolution
1500. restoration of social status
1850. restoration of moral status
1940. Restoration of function after injury
1942 onwards: restoration of many other objects
Current meaning
Restoration and recovery
Return to normal
"Restoration (of a disabled person, a criminal, etc.) to some degree of normal life by appropriate training."
Objects of rehabilitation
People, focused on:
Social status, lost due to misdemeanour (1500)
Function, lost due to war injury (1940)
Function, lost due to acute disease or civilian injury (1960)
Social participation, limited by illness (1990)
Other objects and functions damaged or disrupted by war
Any object or function requiring repair, restoration, or improvement
Use in health
Initially was restoration from trauma or acute onset conditions
Focus on employment
Restricted to recovering conditions
General application across health
Occurs within speciality (e.g. cardiac)
Occurs in series, partially speciality-specific
Occurs in parallel, an independent speciality
Terms covering same health-related process
Enablement services
Reablement services
Convalescence
Intermediate care services
Physical medicine
Homecare services
Resettlement (in psychiatry)
Components seen in health definitions
Restoration of social status and social role functioning
Recovery of 'functional abilities' (from disability)
Process of helping people with disability
Includes restoration and adapation to residual loss
Teach ability to adapt to changes in life
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