

5 tips to improve your critical thinking

[Listening Test Questions]

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Check these words before listening:

Key vocabulary

1. A diet craze / dieting
2. To be bombarded with something
3. [REDACTED]
4. To deconstruct
5. [REDACTED]
6. Bias
7. [REDACTED]
8. Scrutiny
9. Scepticism
10. To [REDACTED] disposal
11. Not straightforward
12. To be obscured
13. To [REDACTED]
14. To sift through information
15. To help determine what is relevant
16. [REDACTED]
17. Assumptions
18. [REDACTED]
19. An approach
20. Implications
21. [REDACTED]
22. An unintended consequence
23. To be drawn to something
24. A [REDACTED] of viewpoints
25. To eradicate something
26. A sea of information

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1. Critical thinking is a way of approaching a question: [Fill in missing word: 1st letter is provided]

- i. To carefully **d**_____ a situation.
- ii. To reveal its hidden issues such as _____ and **m**_____.
- iii. To _____ best **d**_____.
- iv. Rather than go with a feeling, _____ all available _____ to **s**_____ and **s**_____. _____ / 6

2. The five-step process of critical thinking [Fill in the empty box spaces]

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| NUMBER 1 | Formulate your question. |
| _____ | |
| EXAMPLE | |

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| NUMBER 2 | |
| _____ | Information gathering _____ different options. |
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| NUMBER 3 | |
| _____ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>i.</u> <u>ii.</u> <u>iii.</u> |
| EXAMPLE | <i>Email that promises millions. What's _____? Is the sender telling the truth? Is it _____ win the money?</i> |

[3 points]

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| NUMBER 4 | |
| EXAMPLE | |
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| NUMBER 5 | |
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| Fill in words | <p>i. This will allow you to e _____ alternatives.</p> <p>ii. E _____ your _____.</p> <p>iii. Help you make i _____.</p> |

[3 points]

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3. Summary – fill in the gaps [1st letter is NOT provided]

It's a tool. It won't i) _____ difficult questions but it will help to increase the ii) _____. Critical thinking can _____ to iii) _____ through a iv) _____ of _____ and has the v) _____ to _____ ld a more vi) _____ place.

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Total score _____ / 28

Critical thinking? *What do you think about this lecture? Do you _____ on their ideas? What don't you agree with? What else do you think? How do you feel about YOUR critical thinking? Do you use any of _____? Will you use any _____? Anything else?*

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1. Critical thinking is a way of approaching a question: [Fill in missing word:1st letter is provided]

- i. To carefully **deconstruct** a situation.
- ii. To reveal its hidden issues such as **bias** and **manipulation**.
- iii. To make the best **decision**.
- iv. Rather than go with a feeling, a [redacted] all available [redacted] to **scrutiny** and [redacted]

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2. The five-step process of critical thinking

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|-----------------|--|
| NUMBER 1 | <i>Formulate your question.</i> |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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ALL ANSWERS PROVIDED IN PAID VERSION...