



SKILLS TO DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING

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What is Critical Thinking?

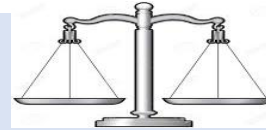
Cottrell, (2017) Points out that critical thinking is a complicated exercise which includes diverse skills and attitude. An open mind, inquisitive, factual and having the ability to evaluate all areas objectively are some of the key skills.

Eales-Reynolds, et al.(2013a) also states that whilst taking into consideration the values and circumstances of the situation, an objective view when questioning and gathering factual information is essential for critical thinking. Renatovna, (2019) Journal entry suggests that critical thinking is to deliberate on evidence, fact and always to question why, therefore, this can give a greater understanding of all aspects in order to make a rational conclusion.



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Reasoning and Inference



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Butterworth, and Thwaites, (2013) state that critical thinkers have a progressive reasoning skill on information they already are aware of and can build on that to conclude with confidence.

University of Sussex, (2018) Published that having the skill to reason is a vital part of critical thinking, this can support other skills required. A critical thinker will combine their findings with their own wisdom and draw an inference on the situation based on logic and a rational decision according to Eales-Reynolds, Et al. (2013b).

Time Management

Time management is how to make your life productive. There are many elements to consider however, being organised is a main factor. Allocating time to the different areas of your life is a good starting point according to Klainberg, and Dirschel, (2009).



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Problem Solving

Hayes, (2009) indicates that someone with exclusive wisdom can appear intelligent, therefore, learning the art of problem solving can give you that advantage. There are 6 key steps to follow, Recognising, Understanding, Method, Action, Assessing and Positive Reflection.

Shan, et al. (2021) investigation suggests that with an increased cognitive function, you are immersed more in deep learning than someone with a nonincreasing cognitive function. The research that was carried out gives a better knowledge of people who flourish in problem solving.

Conclusion

Critical thinking is as important to a child's education as their literacy skills are. This way of thinking can assist children in other areas of their education and personal life according to Fisher (2011). Kaminske (2019) also suggests that critical thinking should be taught intentionally and clearly as a key skill.

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