

What is Critical Thinking?

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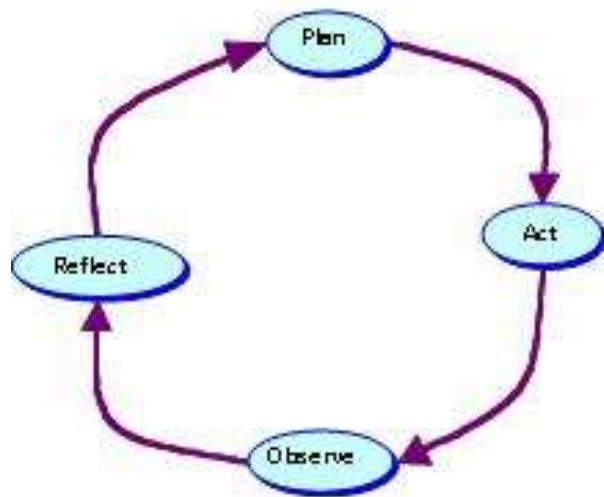
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According to Cottrell (2017) "Learning to think in critically, analytically and evaluative ways using mental processes such as attention, categorisation, selection and judgement"

Reflection

The way this skill links with Critical Thinking is that it helps us develop different ways to think how we can handle unpredictable and complex situations.

- There is many different ways that we can use Reflection in our lives.



Reading Between The Lines

- This skill could be automatic

This links with critical thinking because it will make you read the information in different ways. Here is a sample that I found was fitting for this skill and this is from (Critical Thinking Secrets, 2020).

"A simple example of critical reading would be:
John came inside the house, dripping water from the top of his head down to the soles of his shoes.
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- 1) There is a person named John, 2) and he is wet, But using [critical thinking](#) in reading between the lines, you would know that: 1) There is a person named John, 2) it is raining outside, 3) he did not have an umbrella or raincoat.

Analytical Thinking

Analytical thinking is being able to look at different parts of information that you have gathered and put it back together piece by piece to be able to understand each and every bit of information that you have in front of you.

- I like to think of this as being a spider web.
- I believe that the picture below portrays the two sides to thinking and the colourful side is a person when they have just looks straight at the information they have been given. But the left side of the brain is trying to piecing the information in an analytical way.



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