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Developing a Critical Mindset – The Critical Thinking Checklist





STEP 1

Critical Reading –

Critical thinking starts with the research and your approach to reading. This involves questioning the research. Use these questions below to help you.

Who?

Who has conducted the research?

Is it the author or are they citing other researchers/authors?

What?

What is the aim of the research?

What is the main line of reasoning in the text?

What are the important facts being considered?

What are the key arguments being presented?

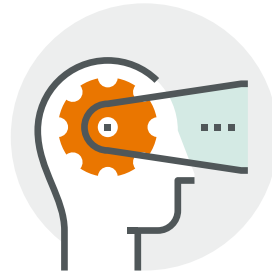
How?

How does the evidence support the author's conclusions?

How does the author use the evidence to support their conclusions and/or line argument?

Why?

Are there any omissions, gaps or inconsistencies in the evidence?



STEP 2

Critical Thinking –

Your personal judgements and opinions are essential for developing a critical mindset. When considering your research always think about your point of view, using the questions below to help you.

What?

What do you think?

Why?

Do you agree with what the evidence presented in the research? If not why?

Why do you think this?

How?

How do you know this?



STEP 3 **Critical and Analytical Writing – Assignment CHECK LIST**

When writing your assignment work, reread and review it frequently. If you cannot answer yes to any of the below questions your work may be missing evidence of critical thinking. Refer to this checklist to help you.

Y / N Are you clear what your conclusions are?

Y / N Is there a clear line of reasoning throughout your written work – from introduction to the conclusions?

Y / N Is the significance of the evidence identified and made clear to the reader?

Y / N Have strengths and weaknesses of the evidence been evaluated?

Y / N Is the significance of the details presented evaluated?

Y / N Have you linked relevant information together through summaries and linking paragraphs?

Y / N Is it shown why something is relevant?

Y / N Have you read your own written work critically, as steps 1 and 2 above?

Y / N Have you made reasoned judgements?

Y / N Are your conclusions supported by the evidence presented?

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