

# Critical thinking



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Critical thinking defined Critical thinking is loosely defined as deliberate, rational thought in the quest for reliable and relevant knowledge regarding one's preconceptions of their physical and psychological environment.

A critically thoughtful person has the ability to pose suitable questions, assimilate pertinent information in an organized manner.

Decision making entails evaluating advantages gained or lost if a course of action is followed, a process determined by specific criteria.

Reasoning involves reaching a conclusion beginning with a specific premise or given information.

Problem solving is generally characterized as the thought process that moves from the original problem situation towards a resolution by use of nonspecific methods.

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