



# University Centre Abdelhafid Boussouf E-learning Centre



English – Level 3

## Lesson 10

### What is Critical Thinking?

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### ***Objectives of the Lesson***

- At the end of this lesson, students will be aware of the importance of being critical thinkers. In addition to the skills that are needed. The lesson also mentions tips to improve students' critical thinking skills.

## *What is Critical Thinking?*

### **1. What is Critical Thinking?**

Critical thinking is a kind of thinking in which you question, analyse, interpret, evaluate, and make a judgment about what you read, hear, say, or write. The term critical comes from the Greek word *kritikos*, meaning "able to judge or discern". Good critical thinking is about making reliable judgments based on reliable information.

In the academic context, critical thinking is most commonly associated with arguments. You might be asked to think critically about other people's arguments or create your own.

### **2. The Skills We Need for Critical Thinking:**

The skills that we need in order to be able to think critically are varied and include observation, analysis, interpretation, reflection, evaluation, inference, explanation, problem solving, and decision making.

Specifically we need to be able to:

- Think about a topic or issue in an objective and critical way.
- Identify the different arguments there are in relation to a particular issue.
- Evaluate a point of view to determine how strong or valid it is.
- Recognize any weaknesses or negative points that there are in the evidence or argument.
- Notice what implications there might be behind a statement or argument.
- Provide structured reasoning and support for an argument that we wish to make.
- Someone with critical thinking skills can:
  - Understand the links between ideas.
  - Determine the importance and relevance of arguments and ideas.
  - Recognize, build and appraise arguments.
  - Identify inconsistencies and errors in reasoning.
  - Approach problems in a consistent and systematic way.

- Reflect on the justification of their own assumptions, beliefs and values.

### **3. Tips to Improve Critical Thinking Skills:**

Improving critical thinking skills is crucial. Here's how you can do it in a few steps:

- Becoming self-aware.
- Understanding your own mental process.
- Developing foresight.
- Practicing active listening.
- Asking questions.
- Evaluating existing evidence.