

CRITICAL THINKING
DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIES AT THE
ENGLISH LESSONS



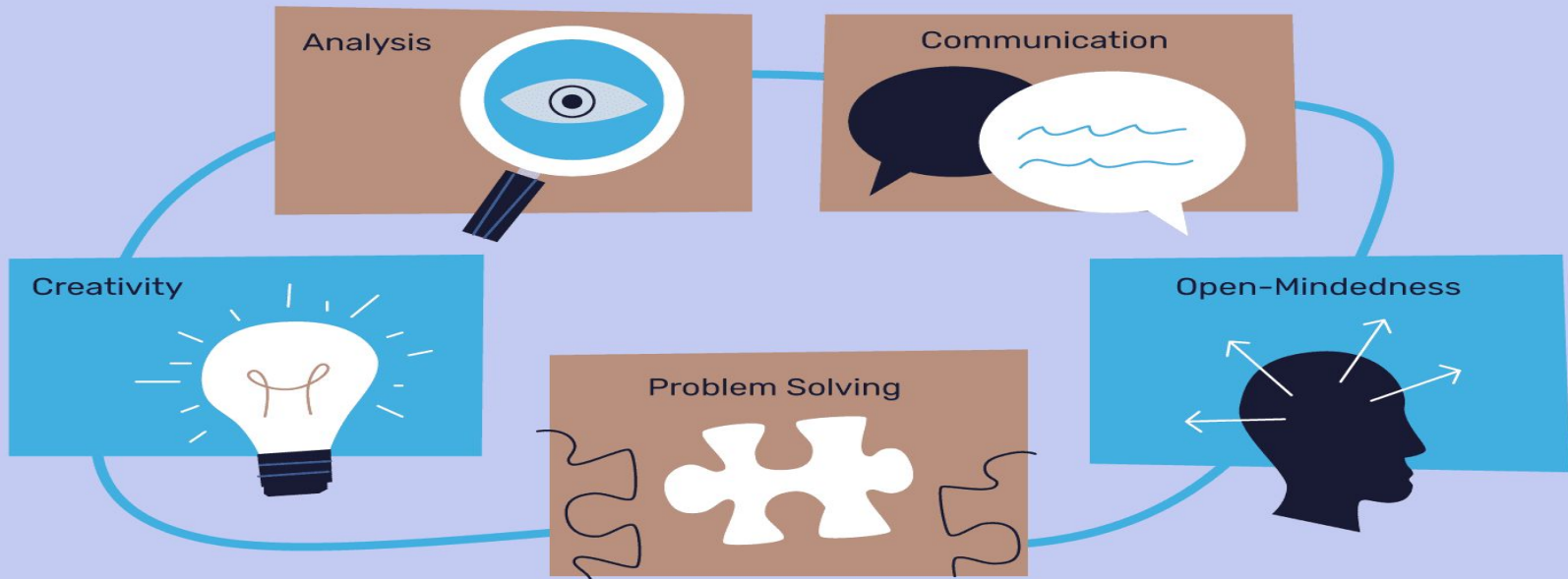
DEFINITION

- the objective analysis and evaluation of an issue in order to form a judgement.

THE KEY CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS ARE: ANALYSIS, INTERPRETATION, INFERENCE, EXPLANATION, SELF-REGULATION, OPEN-MINDEDNESS, AND PROBLEM-SOLVING.

- Look at the picture. Which skills are arguable in terms of critical thinking skills?

Critical Thinking Skills



Requirements for Critical Thinking





1

Observation

The ability to notice and predict opportunities, problems and solutions.



2

Analysis

The gathering, understanding and interpreting of data and other information.

3

Inference

Drawing conclusions based on relevant data, information and personal knowledge and experience.

4

Communication

Sharing and receiving information with others verbally, nonverbally and in writing.

5

Problem solving

The process of gathering, analyzing and communicating information to identify and troubleshoot solutions.

Critical Thinking Skills



Think about the message

- What is the underlying message of the piece?
- If you're not sure, see what you can infer from the text (or the author's tone).

Your thought process plays an important role in your ability to synthesize information.

The next time you read something online, **stop and think** before you put the information to use. You might be surprised by what you discover.

Make mental images

- Try to picture the text in your mind, as if it were a movie or TV show.
- What does your mental image look like?

Ask questions

- Is there anything you don't understand (for example, an unfamiliar word or concept)?
- If so, you may need to conduct more research.

Connect to existing knowledge

- Do you have any background knowledge on the subject?
- How does it connect to what you've just read?

Reflect on your reaction

- What is your opinion on the text?
- Has it changed your mind about the topic? Why or why not?

Determine key points

- Summarize the piece by listing the main ideas.
- Do some ideas seem more important than others?



Critical Thinking Tips