

CRITICAL THINKING
DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIES AT THE
ENGLISH LESSONS



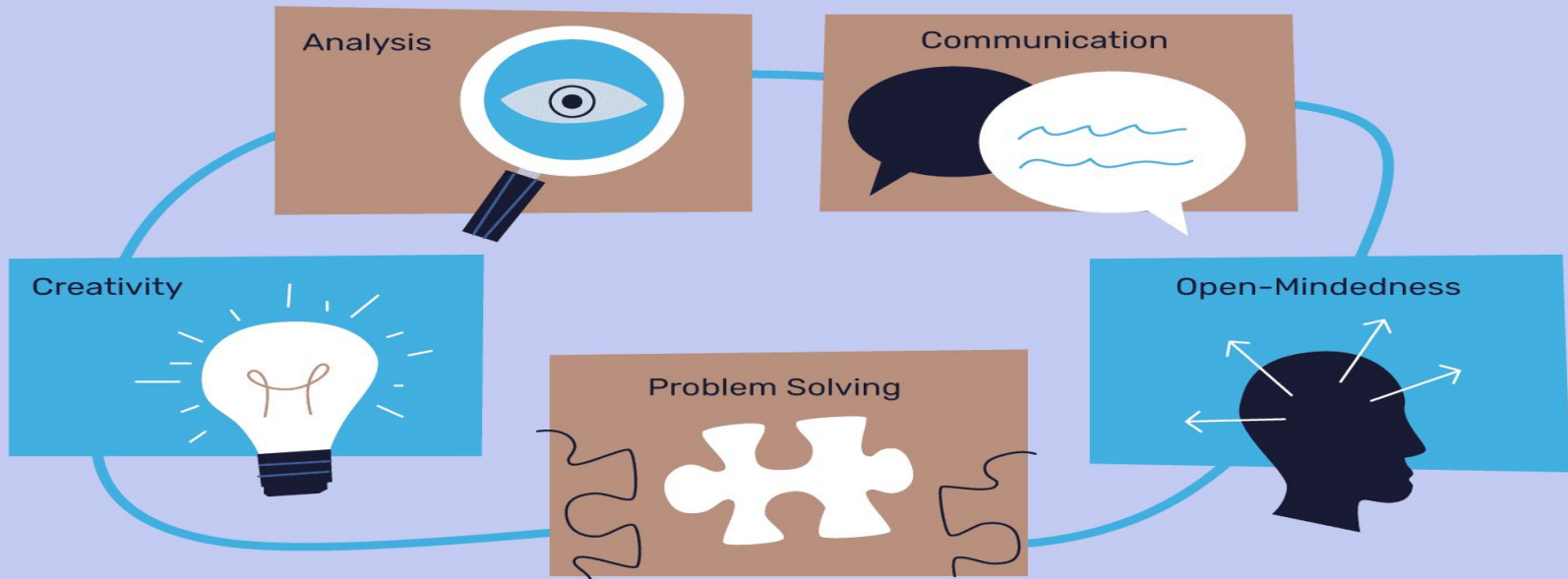
DEFINITION

- 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).

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?

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.



Critical Thinking Tips