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## Questioning as we learn: An introduction to critical thinking

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#### *Unit 4 - Snippet 111*

#### **Fallacies - Argument from ignorance**

This fallacy makes you believe that something cannot be true just because it hasn't been proven, or that it must be true because no evidence has been found against it. As a critical thinker you should be open to different opinions as long as there is no clear evidence that speaks for or against a claim. For example, a doctor shouldn't immediately brush away a patient's complaint that their pain is caused through a side effect of a medicine he or she has taken, just because the doctor cannot find any side effects documented.

This GIF pictures a funny example for an argument from ignorance:  
<https://media.giphy.com/media/uETTPNKeVUEuc/giphy.gif>