
Questioning as we learn: An introduction to critical thinking

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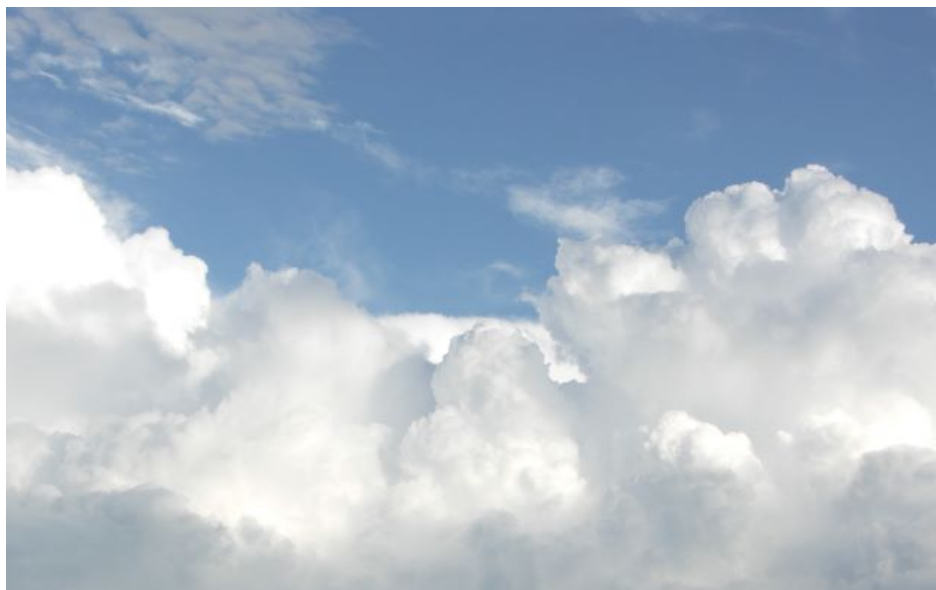
Bias

A bias is a genuine limitation in our thinking. It is not intended fallacious thinking, but rather a flaw in judgement that arises from our tendency to be subjective, from errors of memory, from too much information, from limited understanding, from our need to decide or act quickly, etc. Biases may lead to poor choices, as well as false beliefs and unfounded expectations.

Biases draw us to details that confirm our existing beliefs rather than looking for information that disprove our beliefs. It also makes us look for patterns even when being exposed to sparse unrelated data.



Energizer – Can you spot an image?



Look for 20 seconds at the picture. Can you spot any shapes, figures or things?