
Questioning as we learn: An introduction to critical thinking

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Unit 1 - Snippet 18



Q&A activity - Questions of clarification

In this Question and Answer (Q&A) activity you are asked to compose a question to a given answer statement. This means your question which you are building could lead to the answer provided.

For example:

The **given answer** is: *By 'reasoning', I mean thinking and arguing about something in a logical, sensible way.*

A suitable question you might compose would be:

What do you mean when you say 'reasoning'?

or

Could you please explain what you mean by 'reasoning'?

Pay attention that you compose a question that is a clarification question.

Try composing a clarification question that could lead to the answer below:

Answer: *When I say 'that's not rocket science', I mean the subject is not very complex and actually quite easy to understand.*