

Questioning as we learn: An introduction to critical thinking

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Unit 3 - Snippet 57



Reflective activity – 'Argument'

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word 'argument'? Read the statement below and note down how you understand the meaning of the term 'argument' in this statement. Is the meaning obvious and clear-cut, or a bit obscure and ambiguous?

Anger is never without an argument but seldom with a good one.

[Some sources attribute these words to the Indian stateswoman Indira Gandhi, for example www.thequotes.net and www.quotehd.com.]



Photo 'Indira Gandhi'
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Reflect on the questions above and make notes. Please feel free to discuss your thoughts with your fellow students.