
Questioning as we learn: An introduction to critical thinking

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Unit 3 - Snippet 78



Quiz 'Is that believable?' (1)

Do you think your critical thinking has improved while going through the unit 3 snippets? Do you want to test your thinking?

The following snippets will provide you with statements. Read the statements and answer the questions. Think critically and try to apply your learning so far. To help you we have noted down the premises and conclusions for some arguments explicitly. If we haven't done it, try to do it yourself. And always try to state the reasons why you think a response option is correct or not.

Note your answers down. At the end of the quiz, we will provide you with the correct answers so that you can check your critical thinking skills.

Here is the first question:

Question 1

Tortoises are reptiles with flippers instead of feet. One can conclude that it is likely they must live mainly in water.

Premise: Tortoises are reptiles with flippers instead of feet.

Conclusion: It is likely they must live mainly in water.

How would an experienced critical thinker rate this argument?

Response options:

- a) Good / cogent
- b) Poor / uncogent?