

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

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#### Unit 3 - Snippet 81



#### Quiz 'Is that believable?' (4)

##### Question 4

The discovery of a new species of human relative was announced today (10 September 2015) by the University of the Witwatersrand, the National Geographic Society and the South African Department of Science and Technology/National Research Foundation (DST/NRF). This finding sheds light on the origins and diversity of our genus. The new species, homo naledi, appears to have intentionally deposited bodies of its dead in a remote cave chamber, a behaviour previously thought to be limited to humans.

['New Species of Human Relative Discovered in South African Cave'. National Geographic, 10 September 2015, [http://press.nationalgeographic.com/2015/09/10/homo\\_naledi/](http://press.nationalgeographic.com/2015/09/10/homo_naledi/) (accessed 5 May 2017)]

How would an experienced critical thinker characterize this statement? Select the option which describes the statement best

##### Response options:

- a) It's a good believable argument
- b) It's no argument at all
- c) It's a poor argument which one should not believe