

Questioning as we learn: An introduction to critical thinking

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Unit 3 - Snippet 82



Quiz 'Is that believable?' (5)

Question 5

Sylvia claims that sound research evidence, which proves that human activities are one major cause of global warming, does not sufficiently motivate people to change harmful behaviour.

Which of the following premises could support Sylvia's claim so that she can express a convincing argument? Select all supportive premises. The most experienced critical thinker will select all correct and none of the incorrect answer options.

Response options:

- a) It's given that there is no sound research evidence that human activities affect the global climate
- b) Research evidence is often published in certain media which don't reach all people
- c) Climate change is fake news made up by journalists
- d) Many people find changing their own behaviour challenging and inconvenient
- e) Many people may not know how they can change their behaviour to make a difference in terms of global warming

Have you written down your answers to all questions? You will be provided with the answer key in the next snippet. Don't worry if you hadn't got the answers right first time; we learn from our mistakes and you will further improve your critical thinking skills when applying them during your study and daily life. Only a very experienced critical thinker wouldn't have difficulties with answering the questions, since they are quite tricky.