

Features of critical thinking

Critical thinking is a complex **process** of deliberation, which features the skills listed in the table below. Use this pro forma to help you break down the stages of developing your argument.



Task	Checklist/ notes
Identify a range of positions on a particular issue. Compare and contrast opposing views.	
Judge the credibility of the sources. Is there any bias, prejudice or self-interest?	
Evaluate the opposing arguments, based on the evidence presented.	
Synthesise – bring together a range of evidence to make your point.	
Draw conclusions based on your own line of argument.	
Present your argument clearly, in a manner to persuade others.	