* **Critical thinking** is a domain-general thinking skill
* **Critical thinking** is very important in the new knowledge economy.
* **Critical thinking** enhances language and presentation skills.
* **Critical thinking** promotes creativity.
* **Critical thinking** is crucial for self-reflection.
* Good **critical thinking** is the foundation of science and democracy.

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2. Importance of Critical Thinking

**Critical thinking** is the ability to think clearly and rationally about what to do or what to believe. It includes the ability to engage in reflective and independent **thinking**. Someone with **critical thinking** skills is able to do the following: understand the logical connections between ideas.

1. Background

A drawing of a cartoon character

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Kids are open and willing to learn new fundamental skills as long as they are taught in a fun and entertaining manner. [**JumpStart’s**](http://www.jumpstart.com/) critical thinking activities are therefore a great way to engage students and encourage critical thinking and logical reasoning skills in them!

<https://www.jumpstart.com/parents/activities/critical-thinking-activities>

7. Resources

**Critical thinking** is thinking about things in certain ways so as to arrive at the best possible solution in the circumstances that the thinker is aware of. In more everyday language, it is a way of thinking about whatever is presently occupying your mind so that you come to the best possible conclusion.

Someone with critical thinking skills can:

* Understand the links between ideas
* Determine the importance and relevance of arguments and ideas
* Recognise, build and appraise arguments
* Identify inconsistencies and errors in reasoning
* Approach problems in a consistent and systematic way
* Reflect on the justification of their own assumptions, beliefs and values

4. Information

To be a critical thinker we need to be able to:

* Think about a topic or issue in an objective and critical way
* Identify the different arguments there are in relation to a particular issue
* Evaluate a point of view to determine how strong or valid it is
* Recognise any weakness or negative points that there are in the evidence or argument
* Notice what implications there might be behind a statement or argument
* Provide structured reasoning and support for an argument that we wish to make

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The skills that we need in order to be able to think critically are varied and include observation, analysis, interpretation, reflection, evaluation, inference, explanation, problem solving, and decision making.

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