

Thinking Tool

DESCRIBE, OPPOSE, ANALYSE, TROUBLESHOOT

A key attribute to cultivate in critical thinking is the ability to walk in others' shoes in how they view situations, events and pieces of work. It is about being able to consider contrary arguments and develop an understanding of the beliefs underpinning them. Once you have the capacity to do this you are in a position to identify areas in need of improvement in any situation, event or piece of work. This thinking tool leads you through this process:

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