

KnowHow Academic English Classes

Critical Thinking

This course is designed to help you improve your critical thinking for essays and theses. We will use your actual assignments and try to improve them using the knowledge gained during the course. We will also teach you how to use new digital techniques that will allow you to ascertain whether a source is reliable or not

Session	Title & Aims
(week commencing)	
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Wk3	This session gives a brief definition of critical thinking? Why is it so important for our academic work and how do we use it in our everyday life?
	Session 2: How to show you are being critical in assignments and
Wk4	theses
	Feedback often informs students that they need to 'be more critical' but how do they do this and what kind of language do they need?
	Session 3: A procedure for critical thinking: problems and solutions
Wk5	This session will reveal an easy process that we can use to develop our critical thinking
	Session 4: Thinking about causes
Wk6	Sometimes there is not a simple and singular cause to a problem. This session examines the Swiss Cheese model of accident causation to help students think more deeply about why something happens.
	Session 5: Workshop. Applying what you know
Wk7	Students will be asked to bring an assignment they are working on and consider how they would improve it using the knowledge they have gained on the course.

Wk8-10	Session 8-10 Critical digital technology
	These sessions will introduce students to Open source intelligence investigative technology that they can use in ascertaining if sources of information are reliable or not. We will pay particular attention to reverse image search and geolocation