

Critical Thinking Checklist

This checklist is a guide to help you make sure you are demonstrating critical thinking in your work.

- Apply it individual paragraphs and the whole assignment as a whole.
- It is not necessary to include every single point in each paragraph, so you should decide what is worth discussing.
- This list is not exhaustive, criticality can take many forms.

Checklist questions:

- Have I made a point?
- Have I justified this point?
- Have I explained why it matters?
- Are my arguments convincing?
- Have I connected my ideas with relevant linking language?
- Have they been supported by evidence?
- Have I engaged with my sources of evidence? i.e.:
 - -discussed their relevance to my argument
 - -considered their validity
 - -interpreted their meaning
- Have I considered inconsistencies, differences or contradictions from other sources?
- Have I successfully refuted them or explained why I regard them as less important or relevant to my context?
- Have I brought in various perspectives? i.e.:
 - -past/present/future
 - -for and against
 - -different contexts
 - -various affected parties
- Have I included examples?
- Have I provided a reasonable conclusion?