

Thinking and learning

Topic vocabulary: Thinking

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assess (v)	dilemma (n)	ideology (n)	plausible (adj)
assume (v)	discriminate (v)	ingenious (adj)	ponder (v)
baffle (v)	dubious (adj)	inspiration (n)	prejudiced (adj)
biased (adj)	estimate (v, n)	intuition (n)	presume (v)
concentrate (v)	faith (n)	justify (v)	query (v, n)
consider (v)	gather (v)	naïve (adj)	reckon (v)
contemplate (v)	genius (n)	notion (n)	reflect (v)
cynical (adj)	grasp (v)	optimistic (adj)	sceptical/skeptical (adj)
deduce (v)	guesswork (n)	paradox (n)	speculate (v)
deliberate (v)	hunch (n)	pessimistic (adj)	suppose (v)

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academic (n, adj)	graduate (v, n)	intensive (adj)	self-study (n)
conscientious (adj)	ignorant (adj)	knowledgeable (adj)	seminar (n)
cram (v)	inattentive (adj)	lecture (v, n)	special needs (n phr)
curriculum (n)	intellectual (n, adj)	mock exam (n phr)	tuition (n)
distance learning (n phr)	intelligent (adj)	plagiarise (v)	tutorial (n)

Phrasal verbs

brush up (on)	practise and improve your skills or knowledge of something	piece together	learn the truth about something by considering all the separate bits of information you have
come (a)round (to)	change your opinion or decision because someone has persuaded you to agree with them	puzzle out	solve a confusing or complicated problem by thinking carefully about it
come up with	think of something such as an idea or a plan	read up (on/about)	get information on a particular subject by reading a lot about it
face up to	accept something and try to deal with it	swot up (on)	study something very hard, especially for an examination
figure out	be able to understand something or solve a problem; understand what someone is like and why they behave in the way they do	take in	understand and remember something that you hear or read; accept something as real or true; trick someone into believing something that is not true
hit upon	suddenly have an idea; discover something by chance	think over	consider a problem or decision carefully
make out	see, hear or understand someone or something with difficulty; suggest, imply	think through	consider the facts about something in an organised and thorough way
mull over	think carefully about something over a period of time	think up	invent or imagine something, especially an excuse

Phrases, patterns and collocations

account account for, (give) an account of, take into account, take account of, on account of, by all accounts, on sb's account	belief express belief(s), belief in/that, contrary to popular belief, beyond belief, in the belief that, popular/widely held/widespread/firm/strong/growing belief
associate associate sth with	brain pick sb's brain(s), rack your brain(s), the brains behind, brainless, brainchild (of), brainstorm, brainwash, brainwave
balance (hang) in the balance, strike a balance, upset/alter/redress the balance, balance between/of, on balance, off balance	conclusion bring sth to a conclusion, come to / arrive at / reach a conclusion, jump/leap to conclusions, in conclusion, conclusion of, logical conclusion, foregone conclusion
basis basis for, on a daily/temporary/etc basis, on the basis of/that	