# Critical Thinking Skills

## 1. Knowledge

### Identification and recall of information

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- **Who**
- **What**
- **Where**
- **When**
- **How**
- **Describe**
- **What is**
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## 2. Comprehension

### Organization and selection of facts and ideas

- **Re-tell** _______ in your own words.
- **What is the main idea of** _______?
- **Can you write a brief outline?**

- **What differences exist between** _______?

## 3. Application

### Use of facts, rules, and principles

- **How is** _______ an example of _______?
- **How is** _______ related to _______?
- **Why is** _______ significant?
- **Do you know of another instance where** _______?
- **Could this have happened in** _______?

## 4. Analysis

### Separating a whole into component parts

- **What are the parts or features of** _______?
- **Classify** _______ according to _______.
- **Outline/diagram/web/map** _______.
- **How does** _______ compare/contrast with _______?
- **What evidence can you present for** _______?

## 5. Synthesis

### Combining ideas to form a new whole

- **What would you predict/infer from** _______?
- **What ideas can you add to** _______?
- **How would you create/design a new** _______?
- **What solutions would you suggest for** _______?
- **What might happen if you combined** _______ with _______?

## 6. Evaluation

### Developing opinions, judgements, or decisions

- **Do you agree that** _______? Explain.
- **What do you think about** _______?
- **What is most important?**
- **Prioritize** _______ according to _______?
- **How would you decide about** _______?
- **What criteria would you use to assess** _______?