



Thinking Skills

Goal Setting	Determining direction and monitoring progress
Problem Solving	Determining a solution(s) for a problem
Decision Making	Choosing from alternatives
Observing	Using your senses to learn about something in detail
Making Connections	Connecting new information with schema
Comparing/Contrasting	Looking for similarities and differences
Sequencing	Arranging things in an order
Classifying	Grouping things by common characteristics and assigning labels
Visualizing	Creating a mental image
Predicting	Determining what will happen next
Inferring	Deriving meaning from clues, hints, evidence
Finding Evidence	Finding proof to support a given statement
Main Idea	Determining a major point or central thought
Summarizing	Restating in a simplified or condensed version
Fact and Opinion	Distinguishing between <i>fact</i> (that which can be proved or disproved) and <i>opinion</i> (a belief or judgment)
Cause and Effect	Recognizing actions and their reactions
Point of View	Determining perspectives
Analysis	Breaking into parts to determine meaning
Synthesis	Creating a new whole
Evaluation	Judging using a criteria