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Making careful, objective (unbiased) judgements about the reliability and validity of:

- something you are reading
- something you are listening to
- your own writing

by weighing up the evidence presented in support of the arguments

CRITICAL THINKING AND ANALYSIS ARE NOT

A summary of what someone says or writes

A straight description.

Accepting someone's arguments and their supporting evidence, without questioning them

Stating what two writers say, without pointing out and giving your views on the similarities and differences between them