



Critical Thinking University™

Become a Better Thinker in an Hour a Week

Imagine being able to learn dynamic decision-making, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills that can be applied directly to actual workplace situations. It's now possible through Critical Thinking University™ from Pearson TalentLens.

This powerful online portal gives everyone—from individual contributors to mid-career managers—the ability to solve difficult on-the-job problems. Participants blaze their own “journey to better decisions” by advancing through 18 interactive courses with real-world business scenarios that require them to:

- Recognize assumptions
- Distinguish fact from opinion
- Avoid “analysis paralysis”
- Recognize bias in themselves and others
- Envision creative solutions

What Makes CTU a Powerful eLearning Experience?

CTU blends formal, informal, and social learning to provide an experience similar to a real classroom. Participants work through courses and an ultimate gaming challenge at their own pace and have opportunities to interact with peers and community managers in expert-led discussions, blogs, and webinars. The result? Seeing decisions and problems from a variety of perspectives and becoming a confident and effective thinker.

Tutorial

What's the Point? 7/17

Implicit Assumptions

Where assumptions get you into trouble is when they are implicit. Because they are not openly stated, you may not realize that assumptions are being made. This makes it hard to clarify or question them.



Tom: I know how to deal with this crisis. I dealt with a similar one in my previous company.

Mary: If we increase our marketing spend, we will increase revenue.

Richard: The demand for this product is increasing so we should ramp up our production facilities to meet demand.

PEARSON

Video Exercise

Training

The CTU program is designed to help you learn how to use the RED model to improve critical thinking.

GENE IN RICH COUNTRIES: FEAR GLOBALIZATION

View 0 journal entries

Practice

Watch a news report on a backlash against globalization and the leaders of the world's leading companies.

To add or edit a journal entry, click the "Add/Modify Entry" button below and then click the image on right to play the video.

Once you have completed and saved your journal entry, click the next button to continue.

LEVEL ONE

- R Original Assumptions
- E Evidence Information
- D Your Conclusions

End of Level One

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Add/Modify Entry

Gaming Challenge

CTU Game

Here you will play a challenging game where you

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In the game Robbery on the R.E.D. Royale, you will be playing as a detective on a mission to investigate areas and interview suspects in order to make the right decisions and solve the crime. Your understanding of the critical thinking skills you learned within Level One and Level Two of the game will depend on decisions you make and the actions you take. You will complete the CTU Program by completing Level One, Level Two, and the Post Test.

 Critical Thinking University™ Courses MASTER THE 3 KEYS TO EFFECTIVE THINKING		
3 KEYS	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
R ecognize Assumptions	What's the Point? Fact and Opinion Ask Around	Read Between the Lines Politics and Spin Uncovering the Layers
E valuate Arguments	You Be the Judge When Facts Fail Power of Persuasion	Check Your Sources The "In Group" What's the Question?
D raw Conclusions	Look at Your Opinions Are You Being Logical? What's the Alternative?	Tough Choices Analysis Paralysis Can You Decide?

Additional Information

Free Book Download

Participants receive a free online download of the book *Now You're Thinking!* and access to an online book club to discuss their thoughts as they read the story of heroism and effective thinking.

Time to Complete

Each course takes approximately 1 hour to complete. However, actual time spent will vary based on the learner's participation in online discussions and social learning.

Standalone or Blended Learning

CTU can be implemented standalone or as part of an existing training program that incorporates a critical thinking exercise.

CTU Registration

Registration is available at www.talentlens.com.au/CTU or call 1 800 570 308 (AUS). The cost for a 12 month license is AU\$200/NZ\$295 per person.

Price Includes:

- Anytime access to Critical Thinking University for one year
- 18 self-paced courses and a final gaming challenge, "Robbery on the R.E.D. Royale"
- Critical thinking resources, tips, and brain teasers
- Social learning tools that provide self-directed learning, feedback, and coaching

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