



Connecting Challenging Inspiring

Study Hacks

**A workshop for parents and
carers**

**Asgard Theatre
Canberra College**

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Outline

Welcome and Introduction

Focus of school

- Growth Mindset
- Skill Development
- General Capabilities

Tips for Studying - knowledge, understanding and critical thinking

- Memory and learning
- Encouraging critical thinking

Research, Investigation, Communication and work practices

- Researching
- General Advice for Studying
- AST

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Growth Mindset

FIXED MINDSET		GROWTH MINDSET
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOMETHING YOU'RE BORN WITH• FIXED	SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COME FROM HARD WORK.• CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOMETHING TO AVOID• COULD REVEAL LACK OF SKILL• TEND TO GIVE UP EASILY	CHALLENGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SHOULD BE EMBRACED• AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW.• MORE PERSISTANT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNNECESSARY• SOMETHING YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH	EFFORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESSENTIAL• A PATH TO MASTERY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GET DEFENSIVE• TAKE IT PERSONAL	FEEDBACK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• USEFUL• SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM• IDENTIFY AREAS TO IMPROVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BLAME OTHERS• GET DISCOURAGED	SETBACKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• USE AS A WAKE-UP CALL TO WORK HARDER NEXT TIME.

PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

Big Life Journal

www.biglifejournal.com

PRAISE

FOR:

EFFORT

STRATEGIES

PROGRESS

HARD WORK

PERSISTENCE

RIISING TO A CHALLENGE

LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

NOT FOR:

BEING SMART

BORN GIFTED

TALENT

FIXED ABILITIES

NOT MAKING MISTAKES

SAY:

"YOU TRIED VERY HARD AND
YOU USED THE RIGHT

STRATEGY!"

"WHAT A CREATIVE WAY TO
SOLVE THAT PROBLEM."

THE POWER OF "NOT YET"

SAY:

"YOU CAN'T DO IT YET".

"YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."

"BUT IF YOU LEARN AND PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

GROWTH MINDSET

YOU CAN
GROW YOUR
INTELLIGENCE

VS

FIXED MINDSET

YOU CAN'T
IMPROVE
NATURAL ABILITIES
YOU WERE
BORN WITH

BRAIN CAN GROW

SAY:

"YOUR BRAIN IS LIKE A MUSCLE.
WHEN YOU LEARN, YOUR BRAIN
GROWS. THE FEELING OF THIS
BEING HARD IS THE
FEELING OF YOUR BRAIN
GROWING!"

FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING

SAY:

"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."

"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."

"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES
YOU CAN TRY."

ASK

"WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY
THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"

"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID
YOU TRY?"

"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE
THAT TAUGHT YOU
SOMETHING?"

"WHAT DID YOU TRY HARD AT
TODAY?"

RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND
OF THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR
WORDS AND ACTIONS.

UPDATED EDITION

CAROL S. DWECK, Ph.D.

mindset

THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY OF SUCCESS

HOW WE CAN
LEARN TO FULFILL
OUR POTENTIAL

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IN PRINT

- *parenting
- *business
- *school
- *relationships

“Through clever research studies and engaging writing, Dweck illuminates how our beliefs about our capabilities exert tremendous influence on how we learn and which paths we take in life.”

—BILL GATES, *GatesNotes*

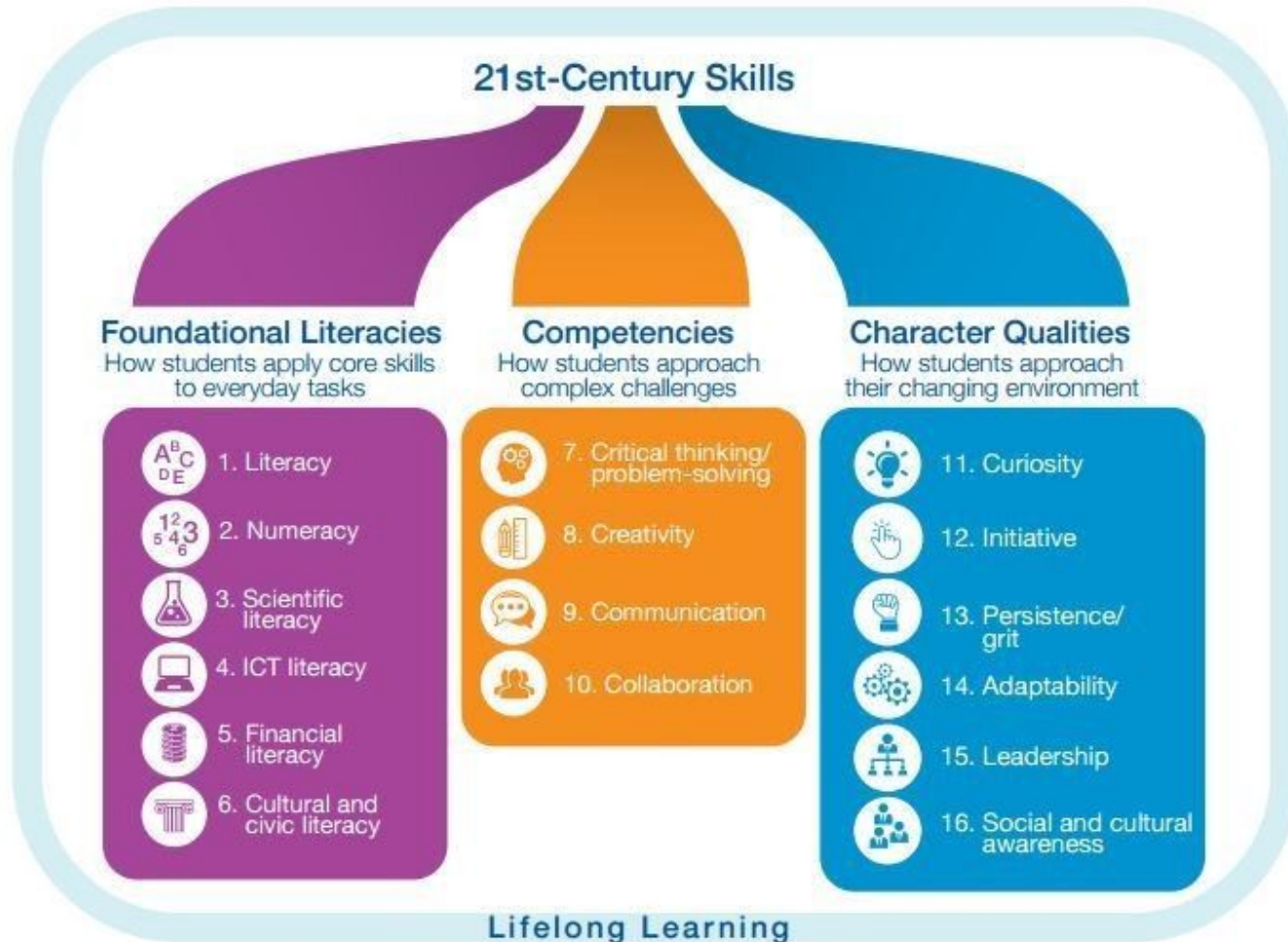
“Psychologists have spent decades searching for the secret of success, but Duckworth is the one who found it.”
—DANIEL GILBERT, author of *Stumbling on Happiness*

ANGELA DUCKWORTH GRIT

THE POWER of PASSION
and PERSEVERANCE

THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Skills for the future



Australian Curriculum General Capabilities



Assessment of Capabilities

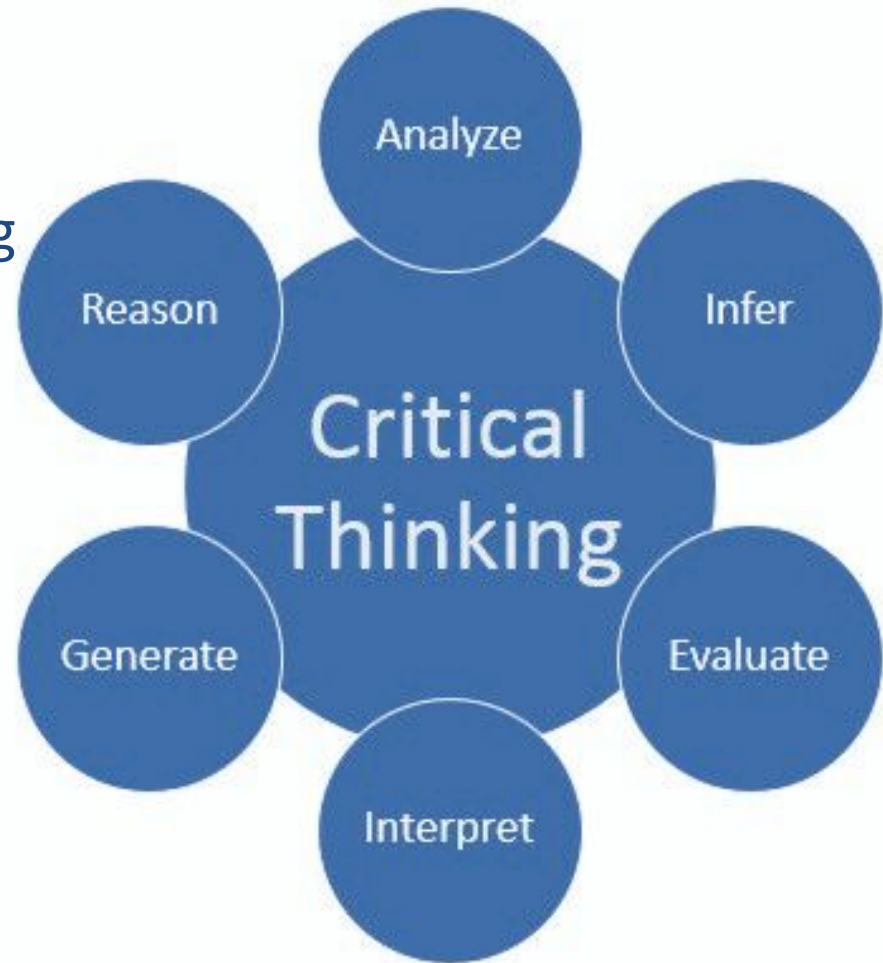
Knowledge and Understanding

Investigation

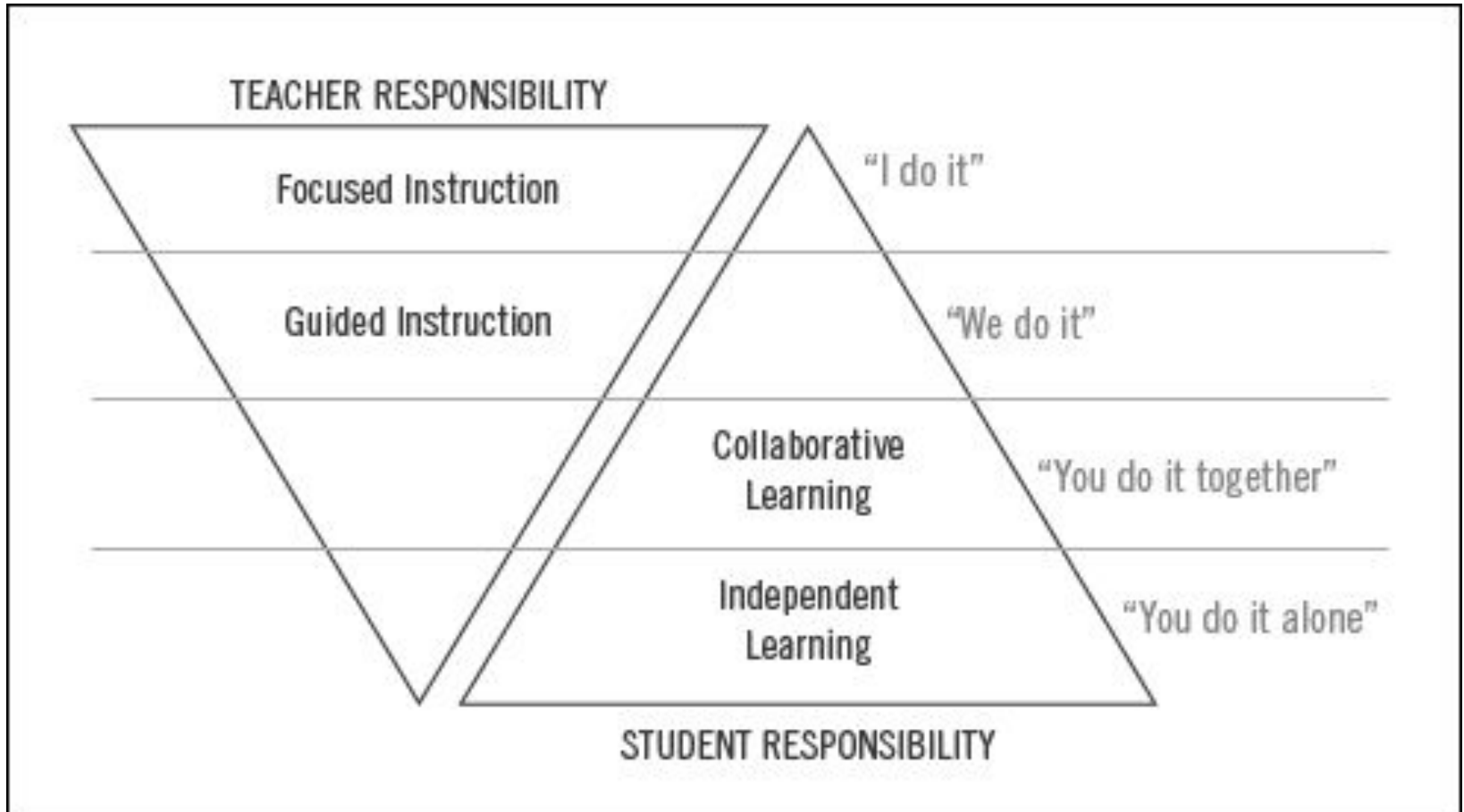
Communication

Work practices

Critical Thinking

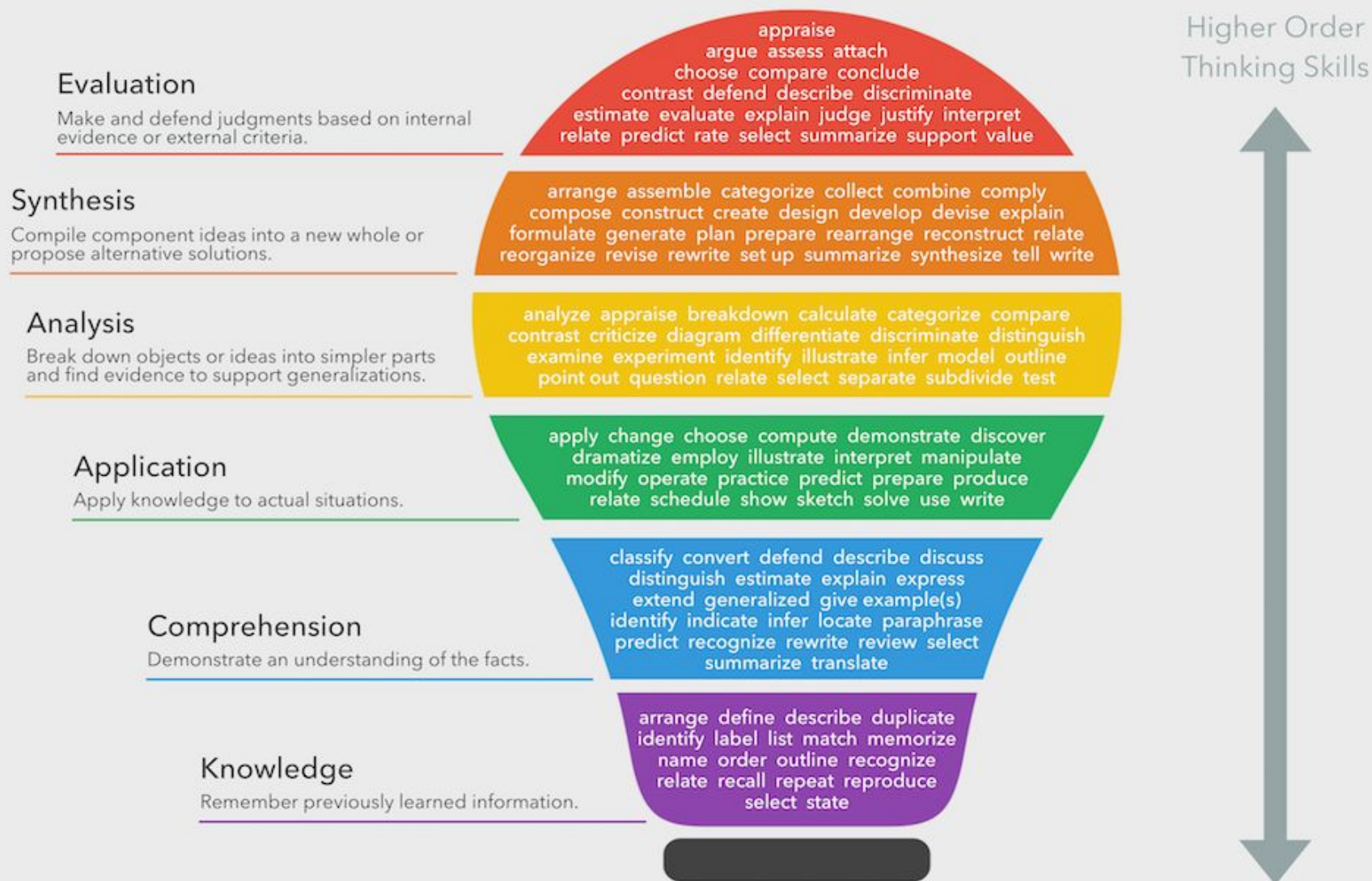


Ways we teach



Fisher, D. and Frey, N., 2007. *The Formative Assessment Action Plan*. 1st ed. Alexandria, VA: ASCD.

Knowledge, Understanding and Critical Thinking



Studying

- Studying involves any activity which promotes memorising and understanding within and between topics.
- Studying also involves practice in applying understanding, analysing, problem-solving, creating, etc.
- The practice reinforces the pathways made in the brain and makes them automatic.

Memorising

The brain is designed to forget. It forgets at two speeds: fast and slow.

Slow forgetting takes place over years and is a normal process. Even well known information can be forgotten in time.

Fast forgetting takes place very quickly and is the result of not putting the information into long term memory, **or** not repeating it enough, **or** not attaching to a strong emotion, **or** when new information is in conflict with what is already learnt.

Memorising

There are two ways of remembering

- **Recognition**
- **Recall**

Recognition memory works only on an external cue. For example, you will recognise the work from the lesson yesterday when it is put in front of you.

Recalling the information requires you to remember without that external cue. For example, answering the question “What did you do yesterday?”

Recognition memory

The trouble with recognition memory is it gives you the impression that you know the information.

Students make the mistake of thinking that just because they recognise something, they will be able to recall the information when needed (e.g., in exam). **This leads to blanking in the exam.**

Recall Memory

Recall memory is naturally effortful. Recall only becomes less effortful (automatic) through practice of specific kinds.

Automatic recall is where you need to be for assessment.

Simply copying information is not enough even done 100 times.

Tools for storing information in recall memory

Some of the simplest tools include:

- Glossaries
- Look Cover Write Say Check
- Mnemonics and Association
- Practice

Glossaries

Most useful in subjects with lots of new words to learn, e.g., Languages, Sciences and Behavioural Sciences

A glossary consists of lists of words and meanings

You can tick them off as you learn to recall each one.

Look Cover Write Say Check

Recall memory is stimulated by practising without looking.

Trying to repeat something without reference to anything will stimulate storage in recall memory (long term storage). This must be done 5 times correctly (No less – and no more is needed).

Mnemonics

This is an enormous variety of activities that associate what you need to learn with something more familiar and memorable.

Simple rhymes are common.

They require imagination, association and location.

Use pleasant, vivid and multi-dimensional associations.

Mnemonics

Remembering chemical symbols



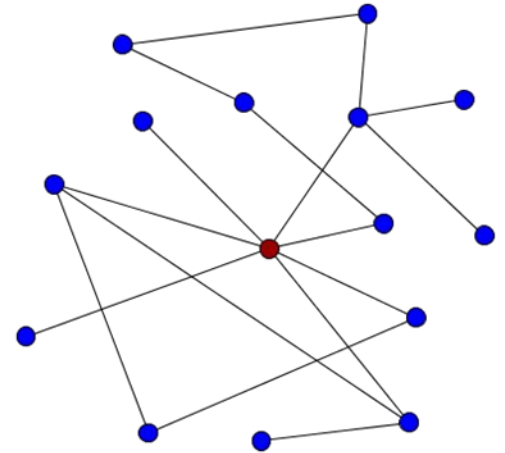
Female pumping **Iron** **C**ute **Copper**
p. 53 Try one for Gold Au

Connecting

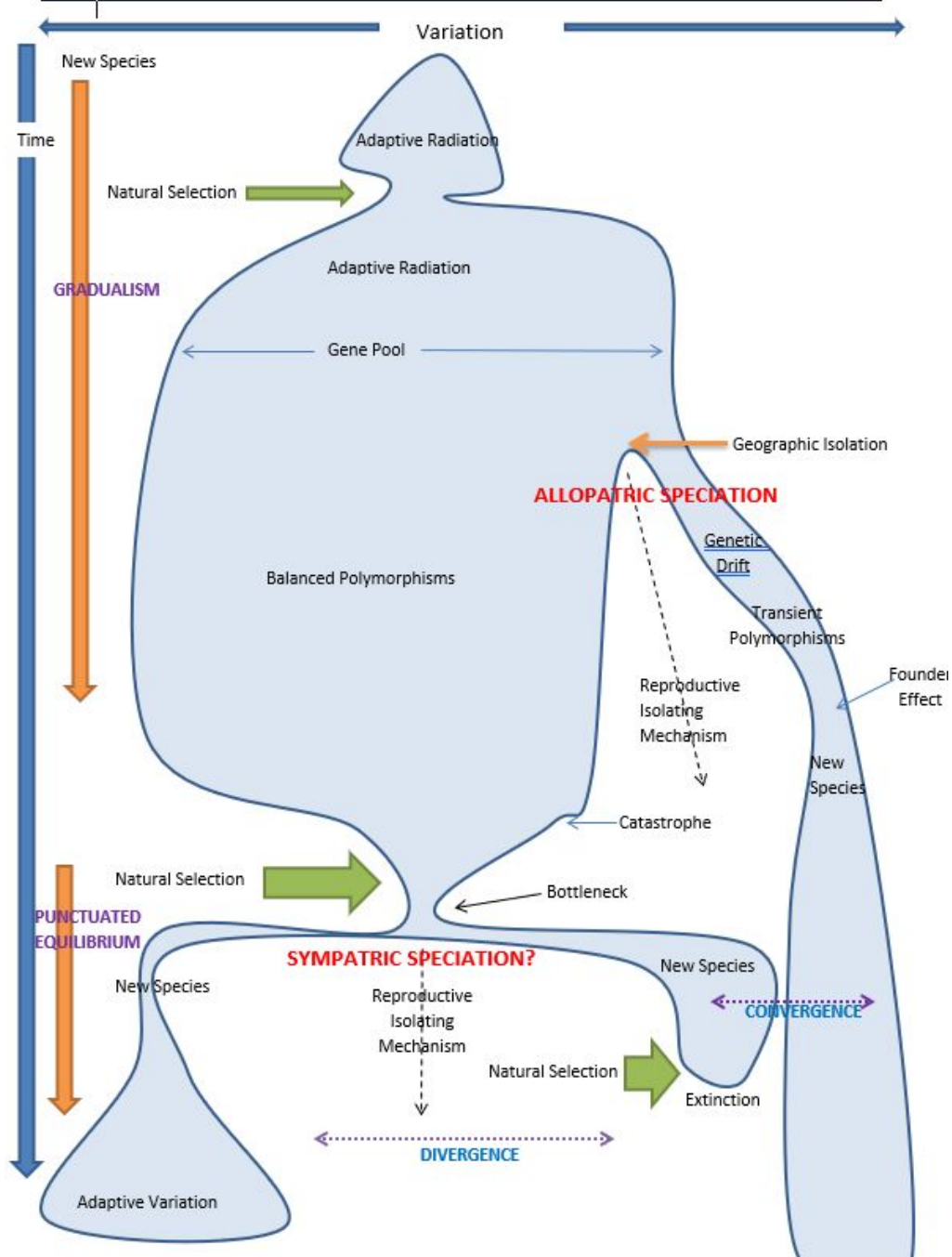
Visual organisers are a simple way of connecting the memorised facts by linking them in a way that makes sense to you. This makes a physical connection in the brain. This allows you to recall anything in the network from any place in the network –

This is Understanding.

One of the best of these is the concept map.

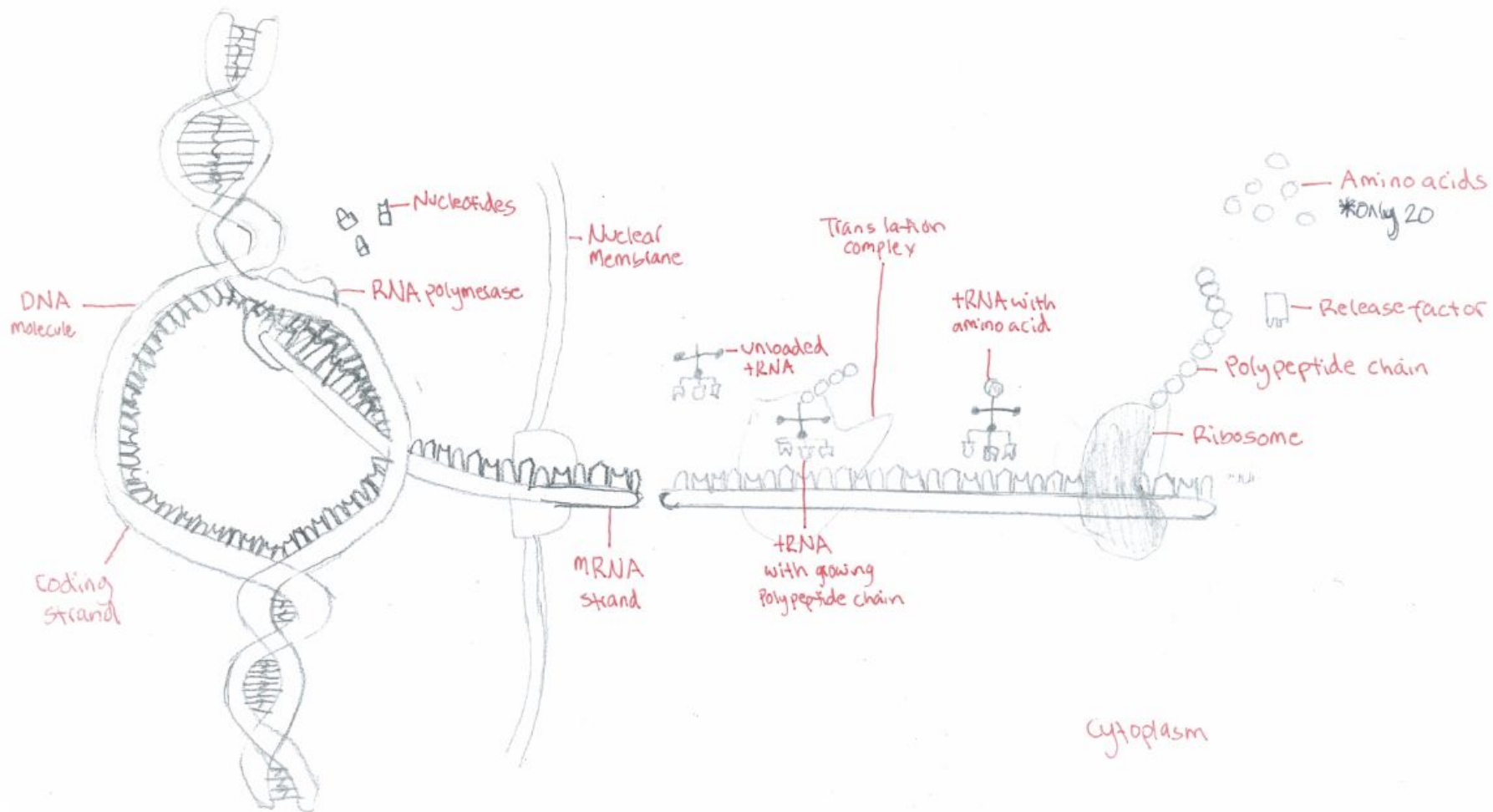


Evolution in a Nutshell



Periodic Table of the Elements

element names in **blue** are liquids at room temperature
 element names in **red** are gases at room temperature
 element names in **black** are solids at room temperature



Practising

Applying knowledge, understanding and skills to solve problems, design, create, analyse, evaluate, etc. requires specific practice.

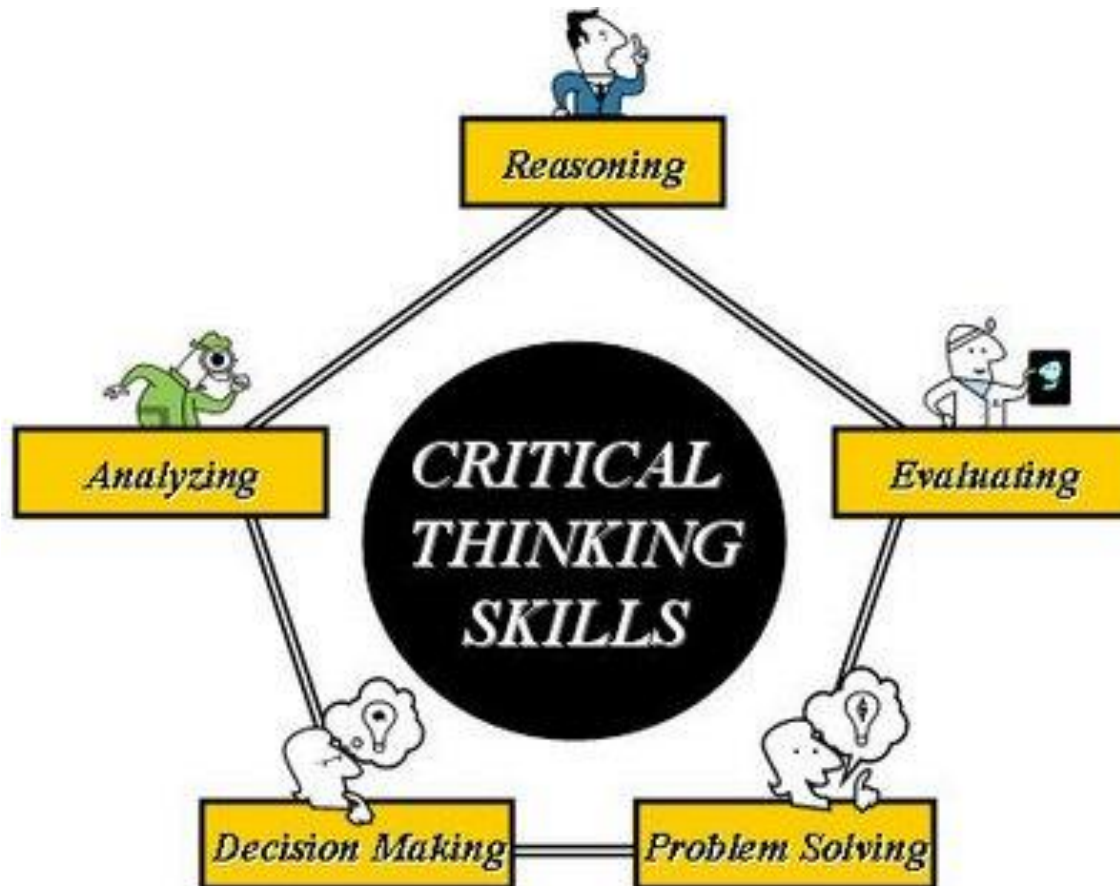
The practice is not very effective if the knowledge and understanding is not there.

The three core skills of studying are most effective when applied in the order:

1. Memorising
2. Connecting
3. Practising

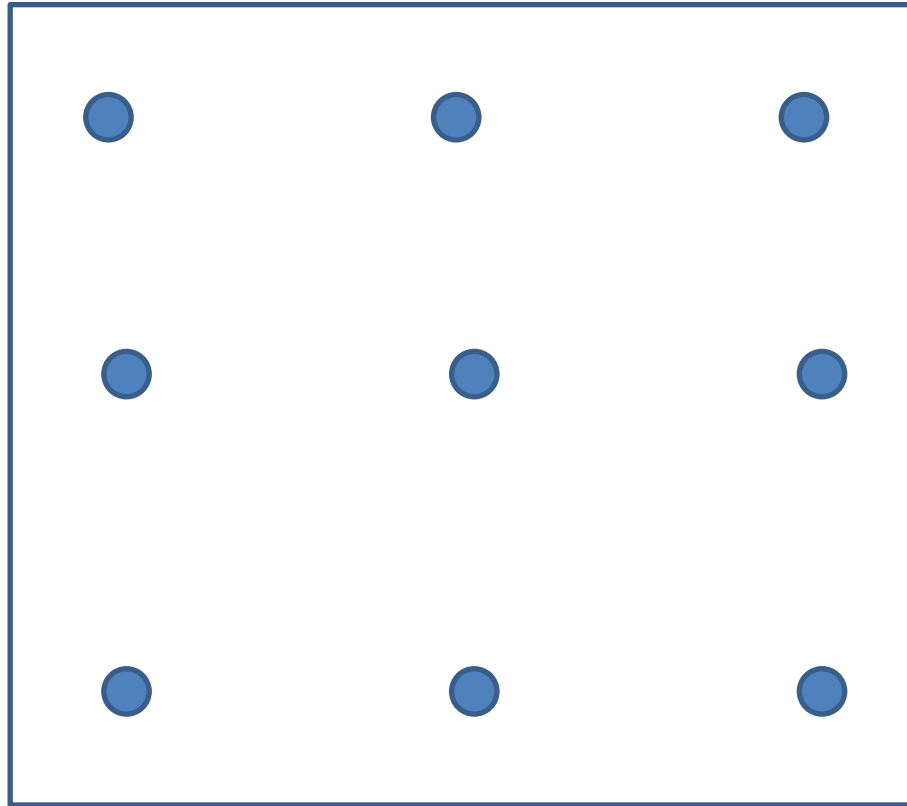
Developing Critical Thinking

- Essential skill for life and work

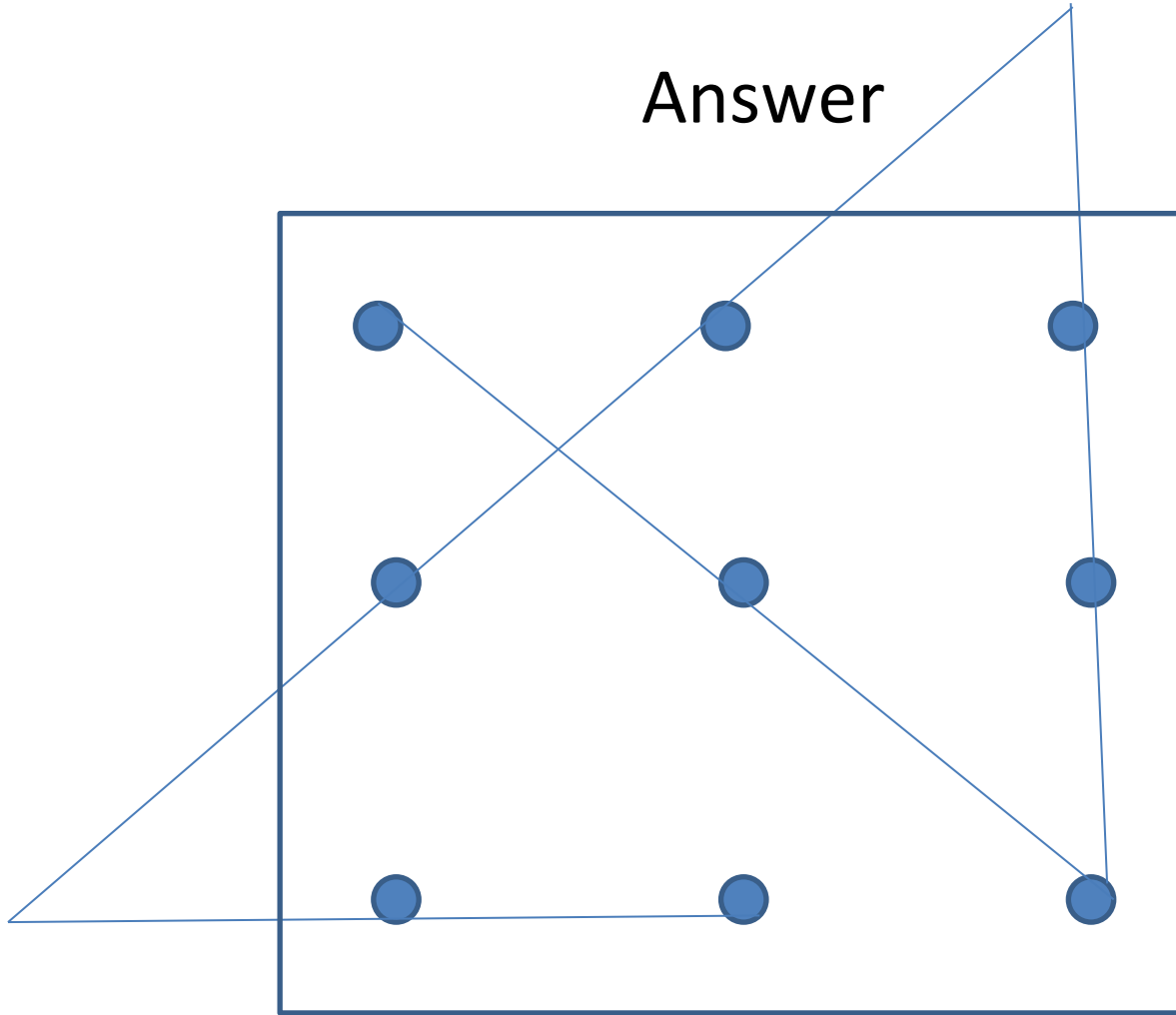


Exercise in critical thinking

Join all the dots with four straight lines without lifting pen. Each dot should only be touched once.



Answer



Learning to challenge assumptions is a key critical thinking skill.

What can you do to assist?

Question rather than tell

Let them make decisions

Encourage creativity

Comparing and contrasting things

Debates - using evidence

Challenges and problems to solve

Get them to teach you something.

Solving maths problem expressed in words

- Numerical expression

(Appear more in your second assessment item each term in maths)

Question 1

Find d if: $d + 2d = 90$



- Word problems

(Relating maths to the real world. Appear more in the first assessment item each term in maths. It can be in form of a take home task and in-class validation, assignment, project, investigative task)

Question 2

In a given amount of time, Janine drove twice as far as Daniel.

Altogether they drove 90 km. Find the number of km driven by Daniel.

Question 1

Find d if:

$$d + 2d = 90$$

Solution:

$$3d = 90$$

$$d = 30$$

Question 2

In a given amount of time, Janine drove twice as far as Daniel. Altogether they drove 90 km. Find the number of km driven by Daniel.

Solution

Let d represent kilometres driven by Daniel
Janine drove twice as far as Daniel = $2 \times d = 2d$

$$d + 2d = 90$$

$$3d = 90$$

$$d = 30$$

The number kilometres driven by Daniel is 30

Online assisted learning

(E.g. Mathspace)

- For students - interactive math program allows students to show every step of their math reasoning, ask for hints on how to solve questions, get instant feedback on their progress and if they are on the right track to solving a question and providing them assistance on how to solve the questions including video solutions.
- For parents and guardians - monitor child's progress. You can ask your child for access to Mathspace to see how they are progressing. The first newsletter sent to you from the College this year has an electronic copy of booklet on how to use Mathspace.
- For teachers - instant feedback on student's work and progress. Identify at a glance, areas where individual student and the entire class need help.
- It has option to try questions online, on a paper and check the full solution or print out some work and search by topics.

Investigation, Communication and Work practices

Investigation requires a large number of complex skills including: critical thinking, creativity, research, ethics, interpersonal skills, time management, project management, record keeping, communication skills and sound work practices.

Takes many forms e.g. collaborative science investigations, investigating research essay in English

TASK: Research and write an essay in response to the following question

What influences the perspective of the narrator in *The Catcher in the Rye*?

1. Develop a thesis statement in response to the prompt and to guide your inquiry.
2. Consider the social, cultural, historical and psychological aspects of the text and how they influence the narrator.

Research skills



- locating and selecting relevant information with sufficient depth
- Academic journals - Google Scholar and the library
- Summarising, classifying, analysing and evaluating information
- Understanding plagiarism and referencing

Canberra College Library help

Oliver homepage

- Search the library catalogue
- Research and Essay writing skills step by step
<http://ergo.slv.vic.gov.au/learn-skills/research-skills>
- Canberra College Library website
- Access online databases
 - Psychology and Sociology
 - Student resources in context

Membership access to

- Libraries ACT databases with single search option
- National Library of Australia databases

How does the school help

- learner guides developed in all faculty areas with in depth guidance on how to approach all kinds of assessment items
- Rubrics
- Teachers accept drafts - drafting is an important activity to assist students
- Feedback – important part of learning – drafting, reflection, improvement

“The most powerful single modification that enhances achievement is **feedback**.”

(John Hattie)



What can you do to assist?

Make sure they start the task as soon as they receive it

Make sure they work on the task most days

Refer to learner guides

Make sure they finish in plenty of time

Read their work for sense and give them assistance in improvement where possible.

Helpful hints for Assignments

Start on the day it is given and finish early

Hand in drafts when possible

Ask questions; clarify the assignment requirements

Read the assignment sheet and rubric - follow the rubric

Use the available Learner Guides

If the assignment requires research make sure research is completed thoroughly and deeply

Make sure that your sources are authoritative and at the standard required for the assignment

Helpful Hints for Tests

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1. Encourage students to study and review work during the term.
 2. Before the test, encourage them to collaborate with other students to test themselves and identify strengths and weaknesses
 3. Review all content before the test.
 4. Help them to relax as much as possible. It is easier for them to relax if they are thoroughly prepared.

Getting Organised

1. Ensure your child has all the required equipment every day
2. Nutrition, Hydration and Exercise all all important
3. Encourage them to use a calendar or planner
4. Encourage them to use study time at school and home effectively
5. Remind them to keep an eye on due dates
6. Get invited to Google classroom to monitor assessment dates



Welcome! So what do you do now? First read [this](#). Then just scroll down this page and click on a unit to get started.

'Skills for Specific Stages' units

Preparing
in Primary

Starting
Secondary School

Mastering
Middle School

Becoming a
Senior Student

Studying at
University



'Working Better At Home' units

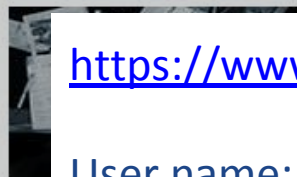
Home Study
Environment

Organisation
and Filing

Time
Management Skills

Managing
Workload

Dealing with
Distractions



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Lifestyle
and Balance

Managing
Stress

What is the AST?

The ACT Scaling test is held in September.

All Year 12 students who want to complete a T package sit the test which has three papers:

- Multiple choice (80 questions drawn from Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences and Mathematics)
- Short response (19 - 25 questions testing thinking and reasoning)
- Writing task (argumentative essay of 600 words)

AST Preparation Program

Year 11, Term 3	Tertiary students sit full trial
Year 12, Term 1	AST Google Classroom - trial papers, automatically marked Focused workshops (3 afternoons) Full AST trial
Year 12 End of Semester 1	Full trial AST workshops, reflecting on trial results



BSSS:

<http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/home>

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Australian Curriculum:

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/senior-secondary-curriculum/>

