

Critical Thinking – Listening Activity

Learning Objective:

Heighten awareness of the importance of both careful listening and thinking.

Procedure:

1. Students will number their papers from 1 – 21 (Question 21 has a three part answer).
 2. Inform students that each question will be stated only once.
 3. Check responses and discuss why simple questions might stump students.
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1. How many months have 28 days?
2. Can a man in New York marry his widow's sister?
3. Albert the butcher is 6 feet tall and wears a size 12 shoe. What does he weigh?
4. You're driving a bus. At the first stop, 8 people get on. At the second stop, 3 people get off. At the last stop, 2 people get on. How old is the bus driver?
5. What fruit is also a sport?
6. Who is your aunt's mother's father's wife?
7. What word do the terms *work*, *cook*, and *check* have in common?
8. What is 30 divided by $1/2$?
9. What number equals the same amount if it is added to 3 or multiplied by 3?
10. Insert antonyms in the blanks to make two new words:
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11. A pen and diary together cost \$3.50. The diary costs \$3.00 more than the pen. How much does the pen cost?
12. What word do these words have in common: cotton, basket, and cue?
13. What 19th century year looks the same right-side-up and upside-down?
14. Name a sport that is also the last name of an explorer.
15. How many animals did Moses take on the ark?
16. What anagram of the word cobra gives you the selections you might expect on a multiple-choice test?
17. Does England have a 4th of July?
18. This creamy dessert becomes a condiment with only one letter changed.
19. How many cookies can you eat on an empty stomach?
20. A doctor has a brother who is an attorney, but this same attorney does not have a brother who is a doctor. How can this be?
21. You have just built a new ranch and are choosing color schemes for your home. Since blue is your favorite color, you decide that you will use only blue throughout your house.
 - a. What color is the kitchen?
 - b. What color is the living room?
 - c. What color is the upstairs bathroom?

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ANSWERS:

1. All of them.
2. No. He's dead.
3. Meat
4. Varies - The age of the student answering.
5. Squash
6. Your great grandmother
7. Book
8. 60
9. 1 ½
10. Lose; win
11. 25 cents
12. Ball
13. 1881
14. Polo
15. None- it was Noah.
16. A, B, or C
17. Yes – and a 5th of July, and a 6th of July...
18. Custard – mustard
19. One – after that, your stomach is no longer empty.
20. The doctor is a woman.
21. A: blue B: blue C: there is no upstairs