Critical-Thinking Skills

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Answer *usually, sometimes,* or *never* to each statement. Then think about why you do (or do not) use these critical-thinking skills regularly.

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|  | 1. I enjoy the challenge of solving problems. |
|  | 1. I am patient and don’t give up when facing a difficult problem. |
|  | 1. I am able to stay focused on the task or problem at hand. |
|  | 1. I use a step-by-step process whenever I am trying to solve a problem. |
|  | 1. I can recognize the difference between fact and opinion. |
|  | 1. I ask questions about things I don’t understand or find hard to believe. |
|  | 1. I use common sense and logic whenever I try to prove my point. |
|  | 1. I avoid taking shortcuts, like jumping to conclusions or telling only part of the story. |
|  | 1. I consider all the facts whenever I make an important decision. |
|  | 1. I don’t let emotion get in the way of my decision making. |
|  | 1. I consider other people’s opinions and points of view. |
|  | 1. I can form my own opinions and explain them well to others. |
|  | 1. I am willing to adjust my opinions when I discover new facts and information. |
|  | 1. I take care to be honest and truthful in what I say and write. |
|  | 1. I like talking with other people about important issues. |