

Reaching a conclusion based on critical thinking, or reasoning, is called deduction.





What's Wrong?

Practicing deduction

CJ and Edison must find the picture and word that does not belong in the group of 4 pictures and words. Help them by making an X through the item that does not belong.

Example:

1	 fox	 rat	 bird	 bell
2	 bike	 car	 bus	 chair
3	 nose	 eyes	 bone	 lips
4	 cake	 gift	 nest	 balloons
5	 boat	 elephant	 giraffe	 octopus

CJ Says:



Categorizing is one way your child can develop critical thinking skills. Extend the above activity by writing four words on a sheet of paper. Choose words that relate to the home. When selecting the words, think of three items that have something in common and one that does not. For example, you could write *sink*, *bathub*, *towel*, and *pillow*. Ask your child to look at the paper and circle the word that does not belong. (In the example, *pillow* does not fit because it does not name an item found in the bathroom.) If she has difficulties, give some hints. Repeat the activity with other words.