

## worksheet

## level 2

Try not to look at the transcript while doing these exercises! Always read the instructions and all the information in the tasks before listening. Listen as many times as you like.

### Students abroad

- 1 Before listening: what is the problem with this statement?

You are either with us, or against us.

- 2 Listen for general meaning: Scott talks about the two main problems foreign students had on his postgraduate course. Tick (✓) the two from the list below.

They were homesick

They didn't have enough money to buy the necessary books

Their English wasn't good enough

They didn't like to say very much in class

They didn't get on well with each other

They didn't like to question the information they received

They didn't know how to use a computer very well

- 3 Listen for more detail: listen again and put a tick (✓) in the correct column, depending if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

		T	F
a	Scott's course lasted 2 years		
b	The course was Teaching English as a Foreign Language		
c	Many of the students were Asian		
d	The students were unfamiliar with UK universities		
e	Many of the students lacked confidence		
f	Scott thought the students' IELTS score was too low		
g	He said the students liked giving their own opinions		
h	The students were used to using exactly the same words as an author		
i	Scott says critical thinking is asking yourself questions not criticising the author		
j	He thinks a writing paper should only be full of questions		

4 After listening: now do the vocabulary worksheet.

5 After listening: thinking!

- a Read the following, what's your opinion?  
"Critical thinking is important because it helps you to develop your thoughts and ideas, as well as your ability to question what you are being told, rather than just accepting it because someone says so."

I agree because...

I agree in general but...

I disagree because...

- b Now do the extra vocabulary worksheet **Critical thinking** from the 'extras' page.

- c Which of the following resources are reliable, and which less so?

an entry in wikipedia

an article in an academic journal

a report on the BBC news

a posting in a blog

an article in a popular magazine

an article in The Times newspaper

a celebrity endorsement



**answers**

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1 It presents only two options when other options exist.

2 They were homesick  
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They didn't like to say very much in class ✓  
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5 a Share your ideas with another English language learner.  
c Whatever the source remember to ask yourself "What am I expected to believe? What evidence is produced to convince me?" It is also important to find more than one source to verify accuracy.