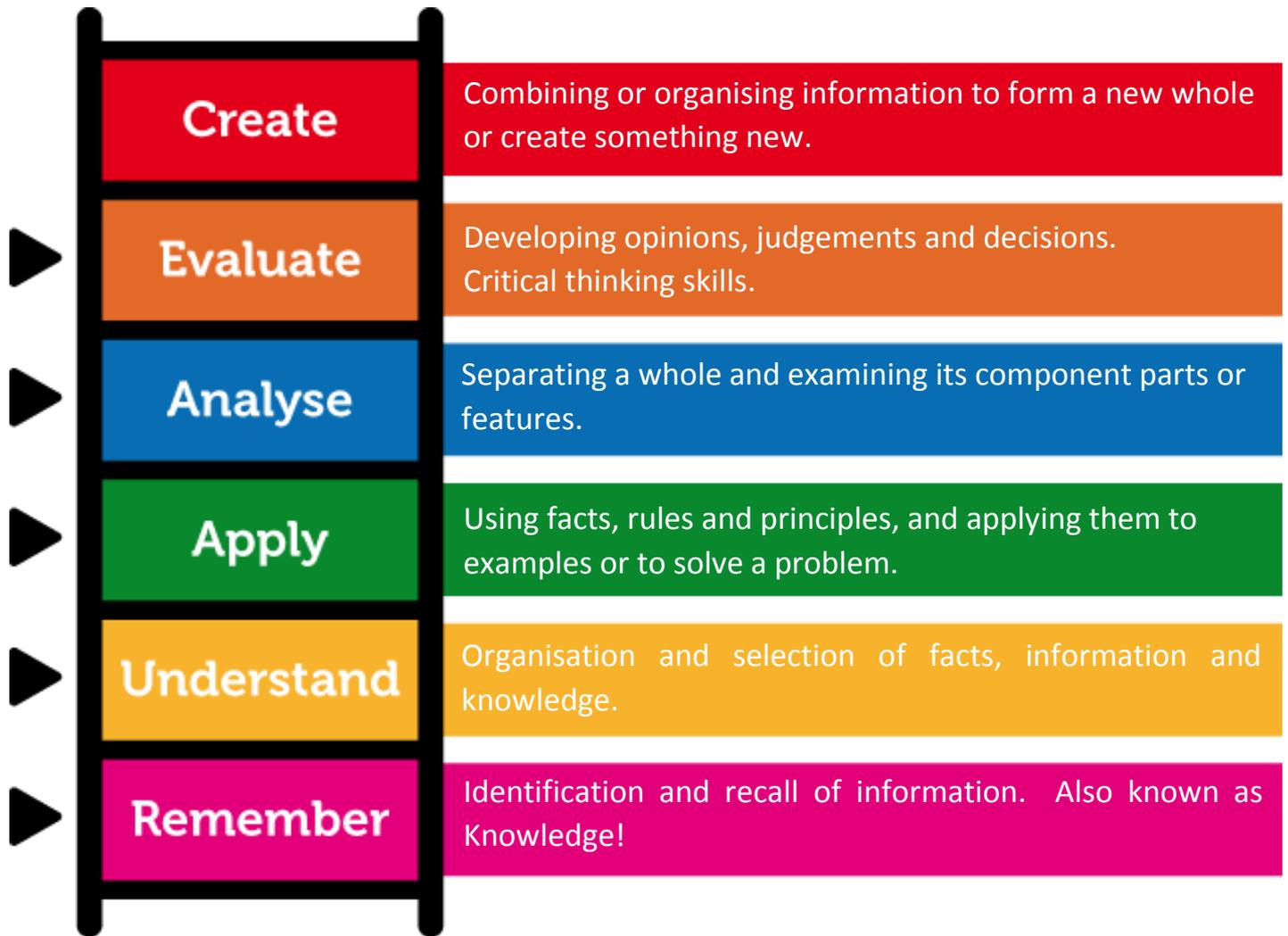




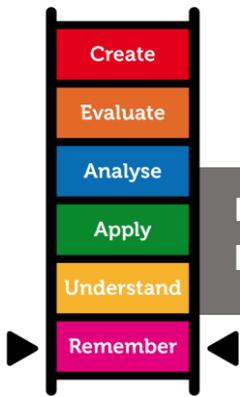
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# Remembering (Knowledge) Tasks



Identification and recall of information at the shallowest level. Also known as Knowledge (A01).

- 1 Write down everything you can remember about the topic from memory.
- 2 Write down all the key terms for the topic and define them.
- 3 Create an Acronym using the first letter of all the key terms, to help you remember them!
- 4 Reproduce everything you can remember on the topic onto small flashcards.
- 5 Play key word hang man with another student.
- 6 Write out everything you can remember on a topic and highlight the most important points. Colour code.
- 7 Write everything you know about a topic in 10 key bullet points.



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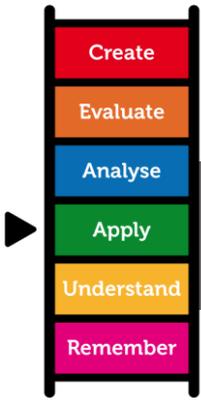
# Understanding Tasks

Organisation and selection of facts, information and knowledge to show you understand (A01).

- 1 Pick out 5 key points on the topic and explain them in your own words.
- 2 Reduce the key points down to under 200 words.
- 3 Pretend the examiner is thick. Explain all the key points as if you are telling someone who knows nothing about it.
- 4 Brief summaries. Summarise each of the key points in under 50 words each.
- 5 Hungry Caterpillar: Place all the key terms from today's learning in a logical order to form a caterpillar. Write a paragraph underneath explaining how they link together.
- 6 Pick out a number of key terms and explain what they mean verbally (out loud) to a friend.
- 7 Create true or false cards. On one side of the card write a statement, on the reverse write whether it is true or false and why. Test yourself.

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# Application Tasks



1 Explain why the topic is significant or important.

2 Explain a real life example for each key point.

3 Explain how each of the topics relate or link together.

4 Find/research a real life piece of evidence or news which illustrates the topic.

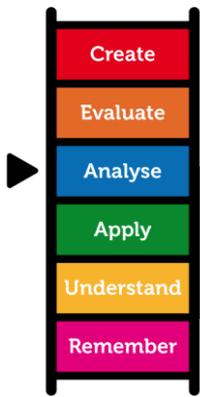
5 Apply the topic to your own life. How does it relate to you?

6 Think about the topic and explain it using a cartoon character, TV character or celebrity.

7 Look up past exam papers online. Try applying the topic to a short mark exam question. Mark it using the mark scheme.

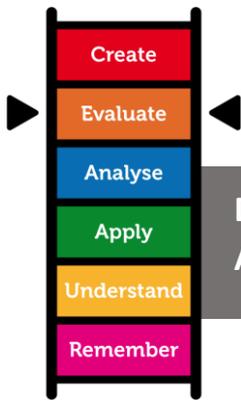
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# Analysis Tasks



Separating a whole and examining its component parts or features.  
Comparing and contrasting (A02).

- 1 Compare and contrast two or more theories, perspectives or studies. Write a comparison paragraph.
- 2 Compare and contrast two or more theories, perspectives or studies. Make a list of differences and similarities.
- 3 Take a key study and de-construct it by explaining its aim, method, procedure, findings and evaluation.
- 4 Create a mind map or flow diagram of a topic, showing all the links and connections.
- 5 Explain a piece of evidence for (supporting) and against (challenging) a theory of perspective.
- 6 Use a piece of evidence to write a PEEL of one key point. Point, Evidence, Explain, Link.
- 7 Conduct a small scale experiment, survey or study and analyse your results. Mean, median, mode, range.

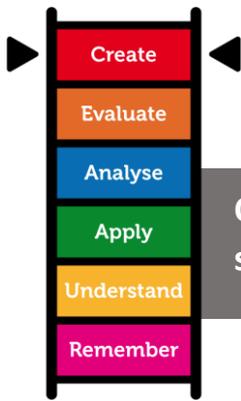


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# Evaluation Tasks

Developing opinions, judgements and decisions. Critical thinking skills.  
A02 strengths and weaknesses.

- 1 Create a table of strengths and weaknesses for a topic, approach, theory, perspective or study.
- 2 Pick a key study or piece of evidence and evaluate it in terms of research methods used.
- 3 Write a short paragraph on how far you agree with the topic and why?
- 4 Opinionated Octopus. Evaluate the topic using 4 strengths and 4 weaknesses.
- 5 Choose a key theory or perspective and explain how one piece of evidence supports or refutes it.
- 6 Use a piece of evidence to write a PEEL evaluation point of a theory. Point, Evidence, Explain, Link.
- 7 Write a critical commentary of the theory or perspective. Use phrases such as 'This supports/suggests.....because.....'



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# Creation Tasks

Combining or organising information to form a new whole or create something new. Meta-knowledge.

- 1 Transform a theory or perspective into a comic strip or storyboard.
- 2 Suggest and explain an alternative approach, theory or perspective.
- 3 Write a short exam question and mark scheme. Think about how it will be assessed.
- 4 Create a song, poem, script or article of a topic, theory or perspective.
- 5 Create and plan your own experiment, study or survey to test a theory or perspective.
- 6 Create a role play or puppet show on a topic or theory.
- 7 Produce a revision guide including key points and activities.