

Are You a Critical Thinker? (book one)

The main activity is the third page of every chapter (page 6 for example). It is quite long so below are some suggestions for teaching it.

Teacher or a student reads line by line out loud. Check for comprehension and explain as needed. At this time students can begin to rank the degree to which they agree or disagree with the sentence.

You might want to have students do half, check and discuss, then later the second half.

The wrap-up class survey is a key aspect of the activity. Depending on time and the ability of students, I like to choose several of the more interesting or useful (language-wise or idea-wise) lines and poll the class regarding their answers. There's a handout on the last page of this guide that teachers can print and use. Conversely, teachers can write something similar on the board.

Finally, it is good practice to either choose one of the sentences or have students choose, and have students write a short written response regarding it.

Are You a Critical Thinker? (book one) Solutions to Vocabulary

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1. **equipment - e** a) the way a person sits or stands
 2. **rural - c** b) task; small job
 3. **chore - b** c) countryside
 4. **posture - a** d) the healthiness of food
 5. **muscle - f** e) the things people need to do a task or hobby
 6. **nutrition - d** f) tissues inside our bodies
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1. **martial art - b** a) a competitive event
 2. **traffic - d** b) a fighting technique like judo or karate
 3. **harvest - e** c) pick up dirt and dust with a machine
 4. **vacuum - c** d) moving cars or other vehicles
 5. **tai-chi - f** e) to pick vegetables and plants ready to be eaten
 6. **tournament - a** f) a gentle martial art that especially older people enjoy

- » After practicing a long time, Tom won the tennis **tournament**.
- » Pack all your kendo **equipment** tonight.
- » I can't go out tonight because I have too many **chores** to do at home.
- » I arrived an hour late because of a **traffic** jam caused by a car accident.
- » Sit up straight! Your **posture** is poor.

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1. **factory - d** a) healthy
 2. **affordable - b** b) something that can be bought because it's not too expensive
 3. **ethically - g** c) a material humans use like trees, water, oil, etc.
 4. **resource - c** d) a place where goods and other products are made
 5. **nutritious - a** e) disgusting; grotesque
 6. **gross - e** f) the tiny, basic unit of life
 7. **cell - f** g) done in a correct or moral way
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1. **carbonated - e** a) can be eaten
 2. **a pickle - d** b) a very hot region on Earth; the region near the equator
 3. **import - f** c) pee; liquid body waste
 4. **tropical - b** d) a specially prepared food, most often made from cucumber in the US
 5. **urine - c** e) CO₂ added to water
 6. **edible - a** f) bring into a country from abroad

- » Although Japan has few natural **resources** their economy is strong.
- » I need to find a/an **affordable** car because I don't have much money.
- » I avoid eating **tropical** fruit in winter.
- » The doctor needs to do **urine** tests so he asked me to pee into a cup.
- » He retired after working 25 years in a **factory**.

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1. **gamble - c** a) end a marriage
2. **cheap - e** b) husband or wife
3. **lottery - f** c) use money to try to win money over a chance event
4. **divorce - a** d) a place where money is kept
5. **spouse - b** e) an adjective for a person not willing enough to spend money
6. **bank account - d** f) an event for which tickets are sold and later prizes won by some

1. **allowance - a** a) money paid regularly to a person, often a child
2. **inherit - f** b) surgery
3. **bargain - c** c) a verb for communicating with a seller to get a better price
4. **operation - b** d) people buy this to partly own a company and make money
5. **investment - e** e) using money, like buying stock, to make money
6. **stock - d** f) receive from one's parents

- » She **inherited** a million dollars from her grandmother.
- » After five years of marriage, that couple **divorced**.
- » Back in 1975 my **allowance** was less than \$1 a month.
- » He goes to watch horse racing every week because he likes to **gamble**.
- » The price is high but you can **bargain** for a lower price.

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1. **complicated - b** a) something that causes pain
2. **hurtful - a** b) opposite of simple
3. **unfair - f** c) let go
4. **evolve - d** d) develop over time
5. **release - c** e) comfortable; nice
6. **pleasant - e** f) treating one person worse than another

1. **funeral - b** a) bother
2. **trust - e** b) ceremony for a dead person
3. **moody - d** c) like worried; an uneasy feeling
4. **annoy - a** d) feelings change, like from happy to sad, easily
5. **nervous - c** e) believe in
6. **clap - f** f) applaud; make noise with hands to show appreciation

- » After ten years in prison he was **released** last week.
- » She was **nervous** because many people would be watching her performance.
- » Elephants **evolved** over millions of years in Africa.
- » He lied many times so it's hard to **trust** him.
- » The crowd **clapped** for three minutes to show their appreciation.

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1. **pleasure - d** a) having worth
2. **achieve - c** b) something without pain; something that makes us feel well
3. **possession - e** c) accomplish
4. **suffer - f** d) a good feeling, like when we eat delicious food like ice cream
5. **valuable - a** e) something we own
6. **comfort - b** f) mental pain

1. **athlete - d** a) necessary; forced
2. **compulsory - a** b) money earned in a year
3. **pregnant - e** c) a feeling of want
4. **income - b** d) someone who plays sports
5. **desire - c** e) a woman who will become a mother because she's carrying a child
6. **luxury - f** f) a wonderful but unnecessary thing

- » I have too many **possessions** so I'll have to throw some out.
- » I suffered **X** for 20 minutes while the dentist worked on my teeth. ("suffered" is the word!)
- » Her yearly **income** is more than \$100,000.
- » That old watch is **valuable**. Let's keep it in a safe place.
- » I have not **achieved** fame in life; my family is my greatest achievement.

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1. **transition - f** a) severe
2. **adolescence - b** b) a period of development from around 10 to 19 years old
3. **contribute - e** c) things we should have
4. **rights - c** d) like a promise to do something
5. **commitment - d** e) give
6. **harsh - a** f) change

1. **shovel - f** a) an event where a person, like a politician, is chosen
2. **vote - e** b) money provided every month, often for a youth
3. **election - a** c) wash one's body
4. **allowance - b** d) drink one mouthful
5. **bathe - c** e) to give a "point" to someone in an election
6. **sip - d** f) to move snow or dirt with a certain tool

- » This winter has been **harsh**. Much snow has fallen.
- » Many protested after Donald Trump won the U.S. presidential **election**.
- » **Adolescence** can be tough, but once youth reaches 20 life usually gets better.
- » Can I have a/an **sip** of your tea?
- » I made a/an **commitment** to stay with the company for at least three years.

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1. **strict - f** a) parents not being strict enough with their child; rot
2. **punish - e** b) a set time, like 11pm, that a youth must return home by
3. **spoil - a** c) a baby from birth to six months
4. **disobey - d** d) to not do what you're told to do
5. **infant - c** e) make a child or criminal suffer for what they did wrong
6. **curfew - b** f) a parent or teacher for example who makes sure kids follow rules

1. **obey - b** a) thinking something will or should happen in the future
2. **patiently - c** b) do what you're told; follow orders
3. **misbehave - f** c) do without feeling hurried or annoyed
4. **chore - e** d) do in a way that doesn't treat a higher status person well
5. **expectation - a** e) small job; task
6. **disrespectfully - d** f) to not act the way you are supposed to act

- » He **patiently** waited for four hours to see the doctor.
- » Her **expectations** were low so she didn't really feel disappointed about the result.
- » I have so many **chores** to do at home this weekend I won't be able to go out.
- » That banana is **spoiled**. Don't eat it.
- » There were two **infants** on the plane and both were crying for hours.

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1. **tip - b** a) an operation performed by a doctor
2. **cashier - f** b) extra money given for good service
3. **surgery - a** c) act in a play; do
4. **practical - e** d) a being that lives by taking from another living being
5. **perform - c** e) useful in an everyday sense
6. **parasite - d** f) a job working at a register

1. **carpenter - b** a) a job going out into space
2. **dentist - d** b) a job building things like houses
3. **construction - f** c) a job teaching a religion
4. **astronaut - a** d) a job like a doctor but dealing with teeth
5. **miner - e** e) a job getting resources like coal or minerals
6. **priest - c** f) a job fixing a road for example

- » The dancer was happy to **perform** in front of a large audience.
- » My teacher always gives me **practical** advice about how to succeed in life.
- » The sickness is caused by a/an **parasite** in the stomach.
- » The **dentist** pulled my tooth.
- » Americans leave waiters a 20% **tip** to pay for a restaurant meal.

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1. **preference - b** a) to know by feeling
 2. **gene - d** b) to like one thing better than another
 3. **infant - c** c) a baby from birth to six months old
 4. **endure - f** d) a body part; the basic unit of heredity
 5. **intuitive - a** e) a way of thinking that makes sense
 6. **logical - e** f) stand pain or discomfort
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1. **makeup - f** a) to tell someone, "You shouldn't do XX"
 2. **foolish - b** b) a little stupid
 3. **cosmetic surgery - c** c) an operation to improve one's appearance
 4. **attractive - e** d) to feel a little pain, or feel not at ease
 5. **discomfort - d** e) good-looking; beautiful
 6. **discourage - a** f) cosmetics

- » What is your **preference**, coffee or tea?
- » I failed the test because I made too many **foolish** mistakes.
- » He had to **endure** lots of bullying as a child but now he's a great success.
- » My father **discouraged** me from traveling abroad, but I did it anyway.
- » She was in great **discomfort** because her clothes didn't fit.

page 37: What makes a man a man? (solutions)

See the YouTube video or read in class: company, chores, admit, star, doubt, show, surprised

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1. **hire - c** a) a person who lives in a country or city
 2. **applicant - f** b) to make a child your son or daughter
 3. **citizen - a** c) to accept a person to do paid work for you or your company
 4. **discriminate - d** d) to treat unfairly because of race, gender, etc.
 5. **adopt - b** e) to mistreat a weaker person
 6. **bully - e** f) a person who applies for something like a job
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1. **construction - d** a) to stop working, usually at 65 years old
 2. **politician - e** b) a person forced to leave her country because of war, hate, etc.
 3. **retire - a** c) a condition of being poor
 4. **refugee - b** d) an outdoor job, often fixing roads
 5. **poverty - c** e) a person like the prime minister in the government
 6. **qualified - f** f) having the right accomplishments, like a license, for a job

- » My community has accepted many **refugees** who escaped the war in Syria.
- » My company forces workers to **retire** at 65.
- » I would like to apply for that job but I don't think I'm **qualified**.
- » People say you can't trust **politicians** but New Zealanders trust their prime minister.
- » My company **hired** many new workers last week.

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1. **ignore - g** a) customer
2. **refuse - f** b) bother; annoy; feel a little angry
3. **invitation - c** c) a request for someone to attend an event
4. **upset - b** d) the army, for example
5. **military - d** e) the way a person speaks a language
6. **client - a** f) say “no”
7. **accent - e** g) pay no attention to

1. **greeting - f** a) talk very quietly
2. **whisper - a** b) advertisement
3. **promotion - b** c) shout; speak in a loud voice
4. **yell - c** d) a country’s song
5. **behind - e** e) rear; the part of a body below the back
6. **national anthem - d** f) saying, for example, “hello” or “good morning”

- » The dog got very **upset** by the earthquake. It took her a long time to calm down.
- » I saw a video of a Japanese husband **yelling** to his wife in public, “I LOVE YOU!”
- » The boy was barefoot so the shopkeeper **refused** to let him inside.
- » Kids at that school pleasantly **greeted** me with “*Ohaiyo gozaimasu.*”
- » The company’s sales person has to meet with several **clients** today.
- »

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1. **trash - d** a) to move dirt or snow with a certain tool
 2. **fold - b** b) to put one half over the other half, like with paper or clothes
 3. **feed - e** c) the amount a person must pay
 4. **shovel - a** d) garbage
 5. **bill - c** e) give food to, often an animal or baby
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1. **similar - b** a) much prepared food that diners can choose from
 2. **housework - e** b) almost the same
 3. **employee - d** c) a woman carrying a child
 4. **buffet - a** d) worker
 5. **public - g** e) for example vacuuming, washing, cleaning, etc.
 6. **court - f** f) the place where a person is found guilty or not guilty of a crime
 7. **pregnant - c** g) a shared outdoor area like a park

- » That company has over 1,000 **employees**.
- » Could you **fold** your shirt and put it in your drawer?
- » Many reporters went to the **court** to see if the star would be found guilty.
- » I’m glad our **bills** are paid automatically. It’s much easier that way.
- » Our clothes are very **similar** but her shirt is darker.

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1. **wedding - d** a) artwork on a person's body
 2. **expectation - e** b) feelings of wanting to hug, kiss, etc.
 3. **tattoo - a** c) noun for "ask"
 4. **romantic - b** d) marriage ceremony
 5. **request - c** e) thinking something will or should happen
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1. **obligated - f** a) the test for students who want to enter a university
 2. **entrance exam - a** b) the sound made when eating noodles or some liquid
 3. **sniff - c** c) the sound made when breathing in
 4. **slurp - b** d) unclear
 5. **strict - g** e) someone with light skin to make their face much darker
 6. **blackface - e** f) necessary; must do
 7. **vague - d** g) forcing or insisting kids or students follow rules

- » He regretted getting a **tattoo** on his arm but it's difficult to remove.
- » I attended my best friend's **wedding** last summer.
- » When refusing an invitation, it's acceptable in Japan to give a **vague** answer.
- » My father was very **strict**. I had a 9pm curfew in high school!
- » My parents had high **expectations** for my older brother and he didn't disappoint them.
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1. **reasonable - d** a) to bend low, like when greeting others
 2. **greet - f** b) annoy
 3. **bow - a** c) boss
 4. **employer - c** d) something that seems correct or logical
 5. **bother - b** e) positive feelings
 6. **goodwill - e** f) say "What's up?" or "Good evening"
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1. **elderly - c** a) opposite of private
 2. **sweaty - b** b) adjective for the water that a body loses when warm
 3. **stick into - e** c) old; over 65 years old
 4. **public - a** d) persuade
 5. **convince - d** e) insert
 6. **demand - f** f) say "You must do XX"

- » I like bicycling to school but when I arrive I am **sweaty**, especially in summer.
- » When greeting, Westerners shake hands while Japanese **bow**.
- » It's better to ask him to stop making noise rather than **demand**.
- » I couldn't be **bothered/convincd** to do every step carefully, and in the end my project failed.
- » Even though her explanation seemed **reasonable** the teacher did not accept it.

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1. **formally - e** a) demonstrate
2. **protest - a** b) according to law
3. **religious - d** c) an imaginary, scary creature
4. **legally - b** d) adjective for something according to Buddhism, Christianity, etc.
5. **mammal - f** e) to do according to expectation or tradition
6. **monster - c** f) a type of animal with mothers that provide milk and birth babies

1. **optimistic - c** a) being on time
2. **pessimistic - b** b) usually feeling negative
3. **complexity - f** c) usually feeling positive
4. **individualism - h** d) opposite of shy
5. **leisure - g** e) creative; having new ideas
6. **innovative - e** f) opposite of simplicity
7. **outgoing - d** g) relaxing
8. **punctuality - a** h) an idea that focuses on each person

- » I am **optimistic** we will solve global warming and future generations will live well.
- » After returning from abroad, Yuri became much more **outgoing**.
- » Americans believe in **individualism** while Asian societies emphasize the group.
- » I've been so busy I just haven't had time for **leisure** activities.
- » The little girl got very scared by all the **monsters** in the picture book.

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Although answers may vary, here are the intended answers

1. Brazilians Australia
2. Irish France
3. Finnish Kenya
4. French Egypt
5. Ghanians Mexico
6. Australians Scotland
7. Russians China
8. Italians Japan
9. Thai Brazil
10. Kenyans Russia
11. Polish Greece
12. Portuguese Mongolia
13. Malaysia

