

THINKING SKILLS

What are Thinking Skills?

Thinking skills are reading tools used to better comprehend the text.

Examples:

- **Analysis**-separating the text into its parts
- **Classifying**-arranging information into categories
- **Comparing and Contrasting**-finding likenesses and differences between items
- **Drawing Conclusions**-coming to a decision based on the text
- **Evaluating**-using the text to make judgments about what you believe
- **Interpretation**-going beyond the literal text
- **Making Inferences**-using your own experience and the text to "read between the lines"
- **Synthesis**-putting parts of a whole together



PREVIEW

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Try This!

- 1] What is the color of the _____, and emeralds?
- a] gemstones
 - b] hair colors
 - c] precious metals
 - d] colors
- 2] What **conclusion** can you **draw** from this statement?
Nathan is a Cub Scout.
- a] Nathan is a girl.
 - b] Nathan is two years old.
 - c] Nathan is a boy.
 - d] Nathan likes the color blue.
- 3] Point out one likeness that is sure to be true between **twins**.
- a] same parents
 - b] same gender
 - c] same height
 - d] same weight