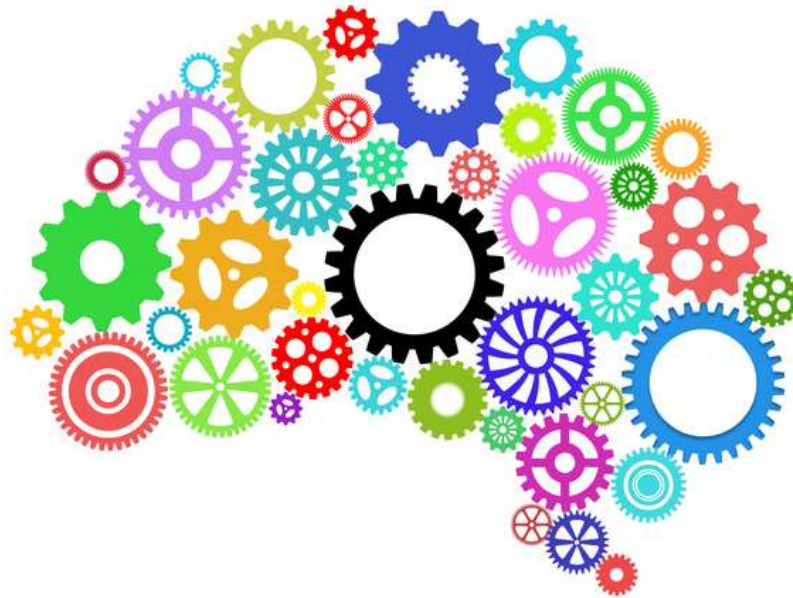


Critical Thinking: Assumptions Exercise



1. Watch the news on television or online and complete the following table.
 - a) Count how many facts are stated and how many assumptions are made. You can use the tally box below to record your results.

Title of News Programme:	Assumption	Fact

b) What does this tell you about the use of assumptions when presenting information?^{HK}

2. Select a magazine feature article or online news story to search for assumptions. Make a list of the assumptions the article contains. For each assumption you list, explain why it is an assumption and not a fact.

Title of Article	Assumption	Why is this an assumption not a fact?

3. Over the course of a day try to note down assumptions – either those you hear around you or those you are making yourself.
