



Which statements are True and which statements are False?

WELL DONE!



TRUE / FALSE

A) The best solution to a problem is to ask your mother or father what to do about it.



TRUE / FALSE

B) When there is a problem to be solved, using the first answer you think of is always the best solution.



TRUE / FALSE

C) Brainstorming means sitting down by yourself or with friends and coming up with as many possible solutions to the problem as you can.




TRUE / FALSE

D) Some problems can be easily solved while others may take a great deal of research and planning.



Everyday life is filled with problems. You may have a disagreement with one of your friends. Or you may have a word problem to solve in math or science. Everyone has problems and everyone needs to learn problem-solving skills. **Problems** are defined as, "states of difficulty that need to be settled or questions that need to be answered." Knowing how to solve problems is a very important critical thinking skill.

Problem solving is a process with five steps. To be a better critical thinker you should learn and use this process anytime you have a problem. The first step in critical problem solving is: "Define the problem and set a goal for change." You could **continue reading** 



Critical Problem Solving

Jamie doesn't know anyone who will be going to her school.
She is beginning to feel like she doesn't want to go anymore.

Step 1: Define the Problem

Jamie doesn't know anyone who will be going to her school.

Step 2: Brainstorm Possible Solutions/Step 3: Evaluate Possible Solutions

- Make friends the first day of school.
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- Plan to join a school club or sport team.

Step 4: Choose a Solution and Make a Plan of Action

Get excited about new things she'll learn in class.



Reset

Step 5: Evaluation and Modification

Jamie enjoys her science class, but has not made a friend yet.

Has the solution solved the problem?

YES

NO