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### CRITICAL THINKING IN FRENCH

By engaging your children on a variety of subjects and encouraging them to analyze things creatively and thoughtfully, you can help them develop their critical thinking, thus improving their vocabulary.

What you can do:

- Talk to your children in French about what they're reading, what they're listening to, what they're watching or what they're feeling to make them think and use the vocabulary they've learned.
- Let your children question and watch you carefully when you're thinking.
- Encourage your children to reflect about what they see, feel, hear and say. You can help them expand on details and ways to do different things.
- Encourage them to express and explain their opinions in French.

Don't hesitate to question them so they can reflect on what they're saying.

Examples of questions to ask your children:

What do you think would've happened to the character if he hadn't...?

Do you think the story would be different if it had happened here?

How do you think this works?

Why do you think that...?

Do you think the lyrics of this song would be as interesting without music?

#### Sources:

Comment aider votre enfant à réussir à l'école de langue française – *Guide à l'intention des parents*  
Ministère de l'Éducation de l'Ontario, 2015



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Getting reliable information:

Given the large variety of information sources we can easily access with new technologies, it is important to help young people choose the most relevant and reliable information.

What you can do:

- Talk about things your children care about, help them find resources and documents in French that talk about those subjects and continue talking about them.

- Help your children find the information they need in French for homework by encouraging them to use various sources.

- Help them recognize the difference between pertinent information and unreliable sources. Encourage them to always verify the accuracy and reliability of the information they find by asking questions.

Examples:

Where does the information come from?

Who's the person talking?

Why is this person sharing this information?

Do I agree with what the information is saying?

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