

Inquiry: asking questions about knowledge

Experiential knowledge

Is knowledge that I/we gain through experience different from what we gain by being told?

What checks can I/we do for truth?

If a body of claims is consistent, with no contradiction, is it true?

If a claim corresponds to the world, as far as we can tell from checking evidence, is it true?

If a claim works in practical terms, is it true?

Applied questions:

What justifications support these particular knowledge claims?
Who is making these claims?
From what perspective?

Knowledge claims

How do I/we know if a knowledge claim is true?

Skills of critical thinking

How do I/we inquire effectively to create and evaluate knowledge?

How do we know? What are our ways of knowing?

What experiential knowledge do they give?

What justifications do they provide for different kinds of knowledge claims?

How do we recognize, appreciate, and evaluate different perspectives?

How is knowledge constructed?

How is knowledge evaluated?

What skills of critical thinking can be applied to the world?