MARZANO'S TAXONOMY



Processing Knowledge



THE COGNITIVE SYSTEM

Using Knowledge

- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Experimenting
- Investigation

Analyzing Knowledge

- Comparing
- Classifying
- Analyzing Errors
- Inductive Reasoning
- Deductive Reasoning

Comprehending Knowledge

- Symbolizing
- Integrating

Retrieving Knowledge

- Recalling
- Recognizing
- Executing

RETRIEVING KNOWLEDGE

REASONING PROCESS	CUES, TERMS, PHRASES	EXAMPLE TASK
Recalling (DK) Reproducing information on demand	Recall List Exemplify Label Name State Describe, who, what, where, when	Label the diagram of the cell
Recognizing (DK or PK) Identifying accurate statements regarding the DK or PK	Recognize Select from a list Identify from a list Determine if the following statements are true	Which of the following did not land on the moon? A. Neil Armstrong B. Buzz Aldrin C. Michael Collins
Executing (PK) Carrying out a mental or physical procedure	Use Make Demonstrate Complete Show Draft	Provide the next number in the sequence: 7,11,14,18,21,?.

COMPREHENDING KNOWLEDGE

REASONING PROCESS	CUES, TERMS, PHRASES	EXAMPLE TASK
Symbolizing Depicting the critical aspects of knowledge in a pictorial or symbolic form	Symbolize Chart Depict Diagram Represent Use a model Illustrate Show Draw	Diagram the structure of the 3 branches of the U.S. government
Integrating Identifying the critical or essential elements of knowledge	Describe how or why Describe the key parts of Describe the effects, Describe the relationship between Explain ways in which Make connections between Paraphrase, summarize	Summarize the main causes of the Civil War

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ANALYZING KNOWLEDGE

REASONING PROCESS	CUES, TERMS, PHRASES	EXAMPLE TASK
Comparing Identifying similarities and differences	Categorize Distinguish Compare Sort Differentiate Discriminate Compare & Contrast Create a metaphor	Compare and contrast the foreign policy of the U.S. under Presidents Bush and Obama
Classifying Identifying superordinate and subordinate categories to which info belongs	Classify Identify categories Organize Identify different types Sort Identify broader categories	Organize the following countries into 3 different regions
Deductive Reasoning (Specifying) Making and defending predictions about what might happen	Predict What would have to happen Judge Under what conditions would Deduce Develop an argument for Specify Predict & defend	Predict the impact of a 5 degree change in temperature on the Earth
Inductive Reasoning (Generalizing) Inferring new generalizations from known knowledge	Create a rule, generalization, or principle Trace the development of Form conclusions What conclusions can be drawn from What references can be made	Based on what you know, why do humans build settlements where they do?
Analyzing Errors Identifying logical or factual errors in knowledge	Identify problems, issues, misunderstandings Analyze errors in Assess, critique Diagnose Evaluate, edit, revise	Examine candidate's campaign literature to find errors or overgeneralizations

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USING KNOWLEDGE

REASONING PROCESS	CUES, TERMS, PHRASES	EXAMPLE TASK
Investigation Generate a hypothesis and use the assertions and opinions of others to test the hypothesis	Investigate Find out about Research Take a position on How did this happen Why did this happen What would have happen if What are the defining features of	Research what might happen to the polar ice caps if the temperature of the earth rose 5 degrees
Experimenting Generating and testing a hypothesis by conducting an experiment and collecting data	Generate and test Test the idea that What would happen if How would you test it How would you determine if How can this be explained Based on this explanation what can be predicted	Generate and test a hypothesis about the growth of plants in various medium
Problem Solving Accomplishing a goal for which obstacles exist	Solve How would you overcome Adapt Develop a strategy to Figure out a way to How will you reach your goal under these conditions	Determine the best strategy for accomplishing peace in the world
Decision Making Selecting among alternatives that initially appear to be equal and explaining or defending the choice	Decide Select the best among the following alternatives, Which among the following would be best What is the best way Which of these is most suitable	Choose the best site for a new airport from 3 alternatives. Explain your decision