

Philosophical skills and critical thinking

PHILOSOPHICAL SKILLS

- Baggini, J. & Fosl, P., *The Philosopher's Toolkit*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2010: a very good compendium of clear explanations of concepts and arguments
- Martinich, A., *Philosophical Writing* (3rd ed), Wiley-Blackwell, 2005: the Bible on approach and technique
- Saunders, C. et al, *Doing Philosophy: a Practical Guide for Students*, Continuum, 2008: designed for undergraduates, but with lots of very helpful information on skills
- Warburton, N. *The Basics of Essay Writing*, Routledge, 2007
- Warburton, N. *Thinking from A to Z*, Routledge, 2000
- Warburton, N. *Philosophy: the Essential Study Guide*, Routledge, 2004
- Weston, A., *A Rulebook for Arguments*, Hackett, 2000

CRITICAL THINKING

This is a collection of recommendations for undergraduates, but many are suitable for A level students as well. The first three books are perhaps the most popular, and also have on-line back-up. The McKay is particularly recommended.

Govier, Trudy 1992: *Practical Study of Argument*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

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Flew, Anthony 1985: *Thinking About Thinking*. Harper Collins.

Fogelin, Robert 2001: *Understanding Arguments*. London: Harcourt College Publishers.

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Moore, N.B. and Parker, R. 1989: *Critical Thinking: Evaluating Arguments in Everyday Life*. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Company.

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Shand, John 2000: *Arguing Well*. London: Routledge.

- Thomson, Anne 1999: *Critical Reasoning in Ethics: A Practical Introduction*. London: Routledge.
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- Tymoczko, T. and Henle, J. 1999: *Sweet Reason: A Field Guide to Modern Logic*. Springer.
- Whyte, Jamie 2003: *Bad Thoughts: A Guide to Clear Thinking*, Corvo