

# What can eating an apple tell us about society?

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***“You are good but not  
that good...”***



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- that make you laugh...
- that made you sad in the last week...
- that you have done that you are proud of...
- that you want to change but don't know how...

# Question for you...

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- *I think I am valuable to my community when I...*



# ONE: A JOURNEY THROUGH SOCIETY

# Journey through everyday life



# Continued...

- **What roles do men play?**
- **What roles do women play?**

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- **How do we come to be assigned these roles?**

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- There are informal rules that in a society are just as important as ‘formal’ (legal) rules
- This is cultural: a study of our everyday behaviours

# Question:

Last time you had a family BBQ -  
what 'role' did you play?



**Let's get thinking...**

# What is society?

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## An apple...



# Many versions...



# There is not just one type of society

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## ⑩ Societies change across time and space

- That is, society is shaped differently at different times in history (time); and
- In different places across the world (space)

# Continued

**⑩ This means that there is nothing ‘natural’ (or innate) about the way society is organised**

- Societies change and form vary depending on various factors**
- We made society – we can change it!**



# TWO: HOW DO WE THINK?

# How we think...

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- Think of something you do that you put yourself first?



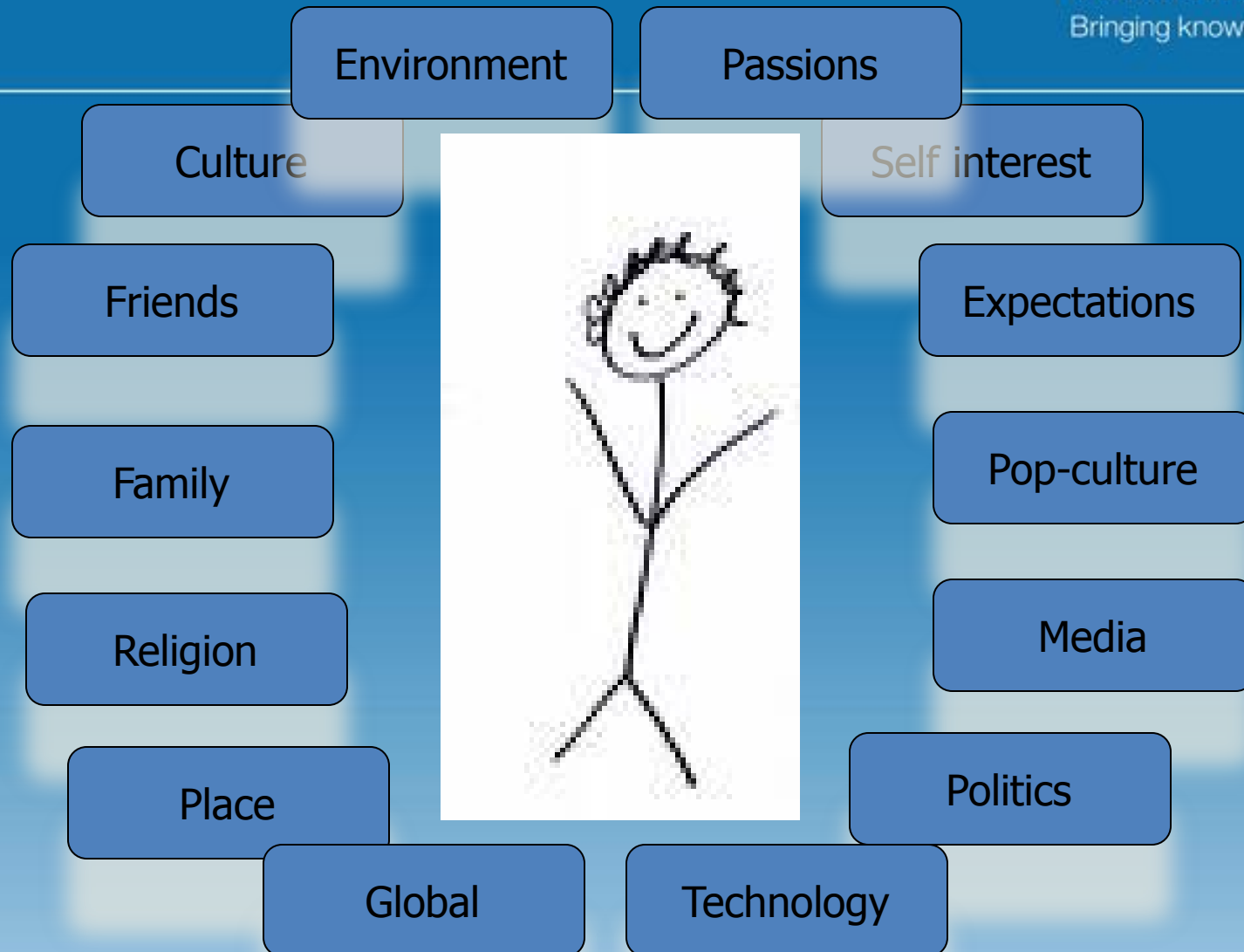
- Now... think of something you do for other people...

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# How we think...



- What influences you....

# For example... Giving flowers



Think of the many symbols attached in giving flowers: who you give them to; why they are given; who you do not give them to; who does the giving; different meanings associated with different types of flowers and so on...

# But what are you really giving?



# THREE: HELLO ALIENS...

# Critical Thinking Activity

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## Alien Tour Guide





- The year is 2064.
- Aliens come to our planet: you are asked to be a tour guide
- One day, you are flying your new alien masters in a blimp over a football stadium down below.
- The alien becomes very confused – wants to know what is going on
- Your challenge is to answer the following questions that the alien has...

1. What is a game? What is a team?
2. Why are there no female players?
3. Why do people get so passionate watching other people play games?
4. Why are there so many video cameras? What are they doing?
5. Why can't the people in the seats just go down on the field and join in?

# FOUR: GET READY FOR CHANGE

*Challenge...*

*Draw me a mobile...*

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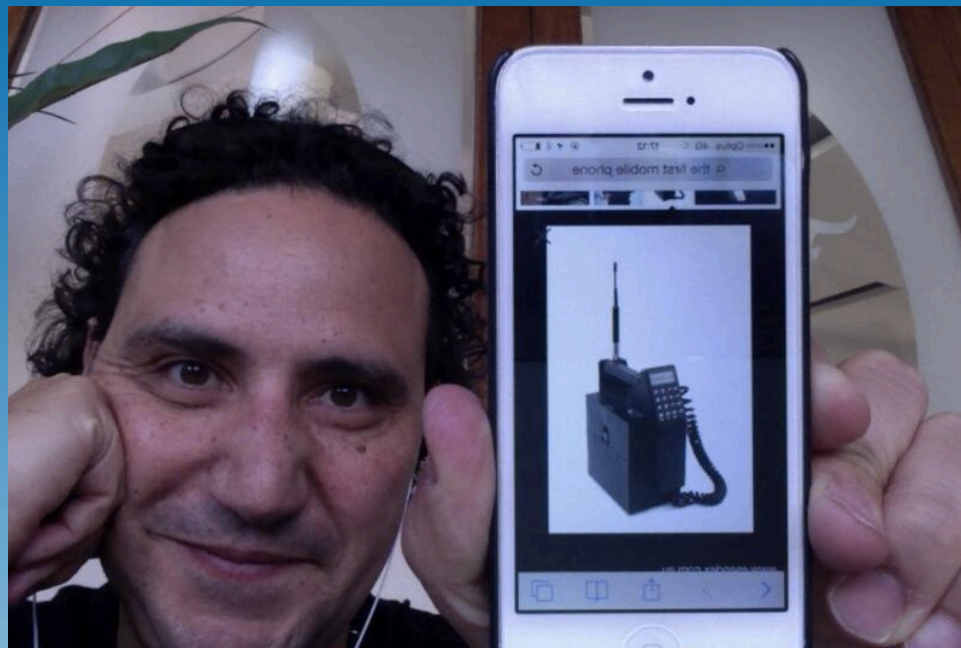


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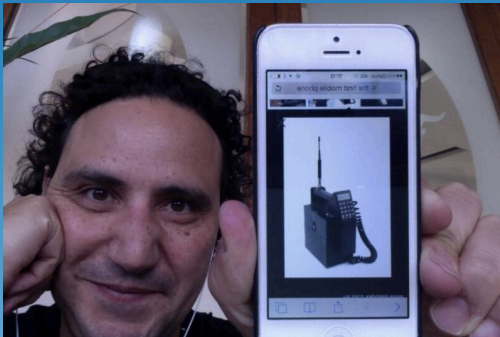
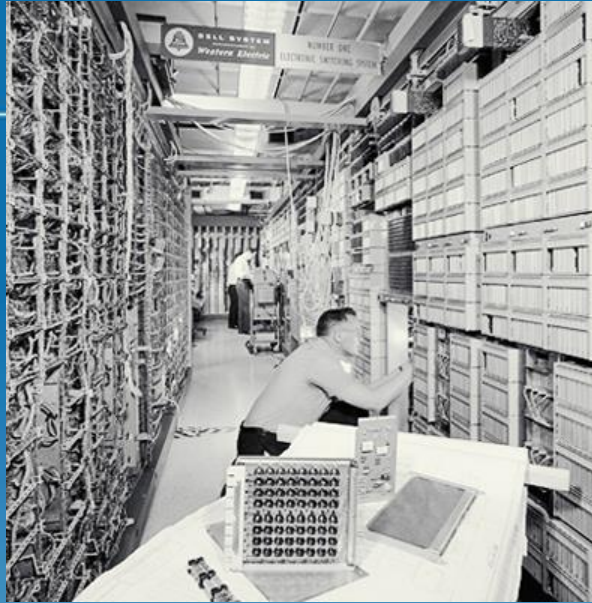


# A rapidly changing world...

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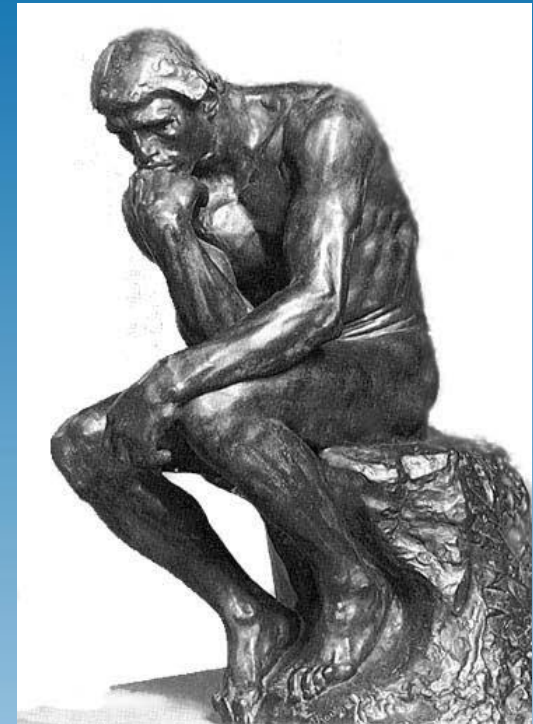


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# What is critical thinking?



# Critical Thinking Activity

## CSI Detectives!

**Your task:** You are a team of detectives surveying a crime scene. Recreate the crime scene; tell us what happened!

**Only answers allowed are: Yes, no, doesn't matter!**

Critical thinking is not just a technique used to write essays and complete maths problems; it is a skill you use all the time, without even thinking about it.



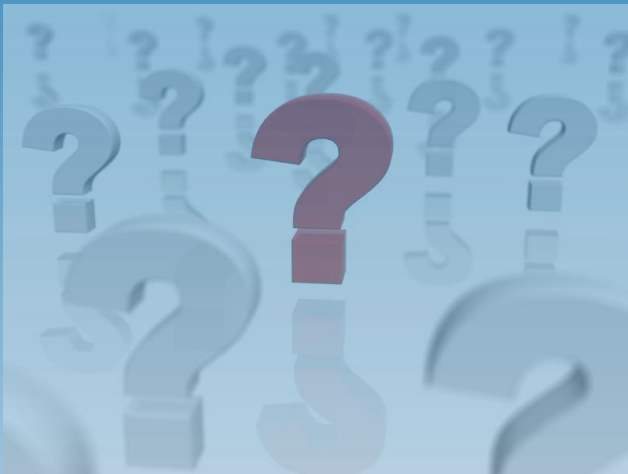
- **Problem:** A man marries twenty women in his village, but isn't charged with polygamy.

- Adults are holding children, waiting their turn. The children are handed (one at a time, usually) to a man, who holds them while a woman shoots them. If the child is crying, the man tries to stop the crying before the child is shot.

- Problem: A man walks into a café and asks for a drink. The staff member pulls out a gun and points it at him. The man says “thank you” and walks out.

# Any questions!?

- Critical thinking
- University life



# FIVE: MAKING CHANGE











# *A story of chocolate...*

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Thanks...