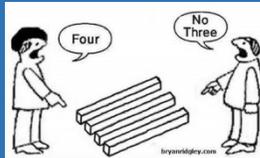


# SUPERCHARGE YOUR COGNITION

## HOW TO COMPOSE A SUCCESSFUL CRITICAL COMMENTARY

(Anatol Rapoport)

1. You should attempt to re-express your target's position so clearly, vividly, and fairly that your target says, "Thanks, I wish I'd thought of putting it that way."
2. You should list any points of agreement (especially if they are not matters of general or widespread agreement).
3. You should mention anything you have learned from your target.
4. Only then are you permitted to say so much as a word of rebuttal or criticism.



## HOW TO TELL IF SOMEONE TRULY KNOWS THEIR STUFF

(Richard Feynman)

1. Ask intelligent questions—that is, penetrating, interested, honest, frank, direct questions on the subject, and no trick questions.
2. If they really know their stuff then they quickly get stuck.
3. If they have answers to everything, they are bullshitting.



## HOW TO DETECT BULLSHIT

Upon encountering a piece of information, in any form, ask:

1. Who is telling me this?
2. How does he or she know it?
3. What is he or she trying to sell me?



See: <https://www.callingbullshit.org/>

## HOW TO LOOK FOR IDEAS TO INSPIRE YOUR CREATIVITY

(David Bawden)

1. Do interdisciplinary work.
2. Look at peripheral topics.
3. Engage with speculative ideas.
4. Explore exceptions and inconsistencies.



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