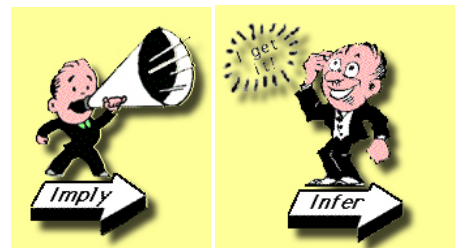


Introduction

The elements of thought are the basic building blocks of thinking, the essential dimensions of all reasoning whenever and wherever it occurs. There is, in other words, a general logic to the use of reason. These terms are the fundamental language of reasoning. Consider each term from the perspective of the sender and the receiver.

1. [Purpose, Goal, or End in View](#)
2. [Question at issue](#) (or problem to be solved)
3. [Frame of Reference](#)
 - a. Roles
 - b. World View
4. [The Empirical Dimension of Our Reasoning](#)
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6. [Assumptions](#)
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8. [Inferences](#)
9. [Consequences](#) – Where our reasoning takes us