

# Components of Metacognition

## Knowledge about Cognition

### Declarative Knowledge:

- knowledge about one's skills, intellectual resources, and abilities as a learner
- the factual knowledge the learner needs before being able to process or use critical thinking related to the topic
- students can obtain declarative knowledge through presentations, demonstrations, discussions

### Procedural Knowledge:

- knowledge about how to implement learning procedures (e.g., strategies)
- requires students know the process as well as when to apply process in various situations
- students can obtain procedural knowledge through discovery, cooperative learning, and problem solving

### Conditional Knowledge:

- knowledge about when and why to use learning procedures
- the determination under what circumstances specific processes or skills should transfer
- students can obtain conditional knowledge through simulation

## Regulation of Cognition

### Planning:

- planning, goal-setting, and allocating resources *prior* to learning

### Information Management:

- skills and strategy sequences used to process information more efficiently (e.g., organizing, elaborating, summarizing, selective focusing)

### Monitoring:

- assessment of one's learning or strategy use

### Debugging:

- strategies to correct comprehension and performance errors

### Evaluation:

- analysis of performance and strategy effectiveness after a learning episode