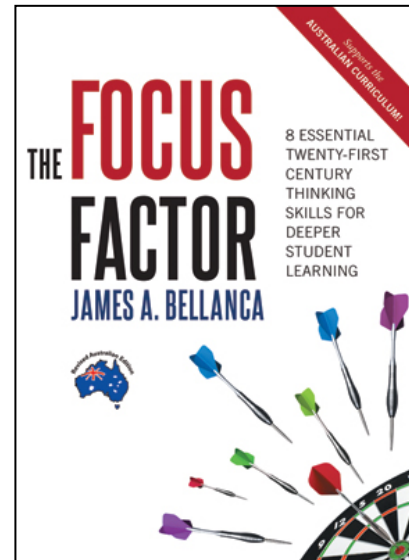


The Focus Factor: 8 Essential Twenty-First Century Thinking Skills for Deeper Student Learning

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Summary:

This revised Australian edition of *The Focus Factor* examines the importance of an essential set of thinking skills that supports the Australian Curriculum and promotes success for students in 21st-century life, school and work. Whatever the subject and age level, *The Focus Factor* provides:

- research-supported best practices for developing higher-order thinking skills with all learners
- engaging, how-to examples of cognitive strategies that lead students to deeper learning of Australian Curriculum-aligned content
- the tools teachers need to escape the recall curriculum and make cognition central to daily instruction for all students

Starting with cognitive psychologist Reuven Feuerstein's pioneering Theory of Mediated Learning, *The Focus Factor* provides a rationale for teaching skills that focuses on deeper learning. Each chapter introduces the what, the why and the how to do it for explicit, intentional incorporation of specific content-crossing competencies. The text is designed to make it easy for teachers to integrate the development of important cognitive functions into their daily lessons.

Supporting Resources:

- *21st Century Skills: Rethinking How Students Learn* (SOT7054)
- *How to Teach Thinking Skills Within the Australian Curriculum* (SOT6925)
- *How to Assess Higher-Order Thinking Skills in Your Classroom* (109111)
- *The Thinking School: Implementing Thinking Skills Across the School* (HB7658)

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