



This program guides you on how to study for and how to answer short answer questions. Studying for short answer tests requires you to know specific details (factual) or to apply an understanding of formulae, theories and principles (interpretive).

Succinctly put, there are two main types of short answer questions: **factual** and **interpretive**.

When you need to learn and retain many factual details, you need to study small parts frequently and revise repeatedly from when you first learnt the concept until you know and understand it. When you need to interpret, you will require critical thinking where you will need to apply concepts you have learnt to a condition such as data or a case study.

If you want to learn more about critical thinking, follow this link to the [Thinking Matters](#) program.

