

Thinking abstractly

The nature of abstraction

1. Abstraction can be a difficult concept to first get your head around. There are various definitions which all follow a similar theme:

“An abstract or general idea or term.”

“The act of considering something as a general quality or characteristic, apart from concrete realities, specific objects, or actual instances.”

“An impractical idea; something visionary and unrealistic.”

“The act of taking away or separating; withdrawal:”

“A work of art, especially a nonrepresentational one”

In pairs come up with a Computer Science definition for abstraction. Be prepared to share it with the class.

