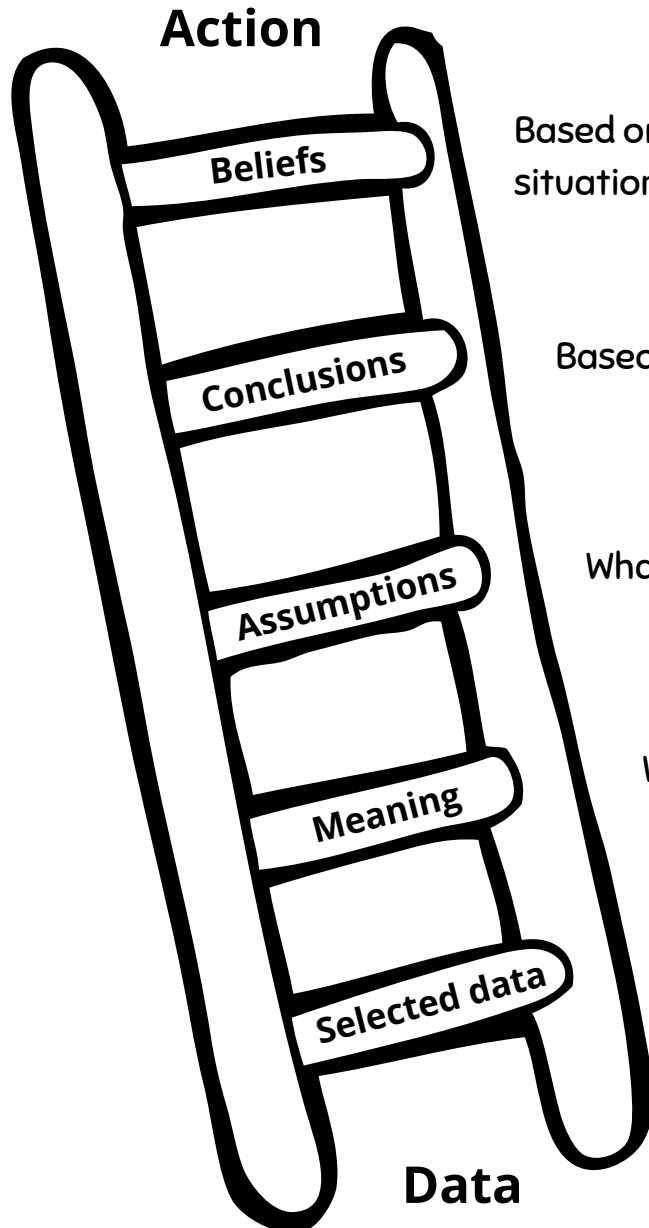


Ladder of Inference: A tool for Reflection

Reflect upon an action you have taken or are considering taking. What is the action upon which you are reflecting? Why choose this course of action? Are there other possible actions to choose instead?



Based on your conclusions, what do you believe? How are these beliefs contributing to your situation? Are they well-founded?

Based on your assumptions, what conclusions underlie your beliefs? Are they sound?

What have you assumed about the data and its meaning? Are your assumptions valid?

What meaning do you derive from that data? Why was it selected?

What data did you choose to use? Was it selected rigorously?

What other facts might you need to consider regarding your situation?