

# Mental Model Theory Of Thinking And Reasoning

Mental models are **minds representations of fictive or real situations**. Idea that mind uses “small-scale models” to perceive reality was first introduced by [Kenneth Craik](#) in 1943 and the idea was further developed by [Phil Johnson-Laird](#) during 1980s.

In his book “Mental Models” Johnson-Laird claims that “it is now plausible to suppose that **mental models play a central and unifying role in representing objects, states of affairs, sequences of events**, the way the world is, and the social and psychological actions of daily life”.

Mental models are **simplified representations, constantly changing** and typically **include wrong assumptions or contradictions**.

## Bibliography

[Mental Models Website](#).

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