

## **RATIONALISM VS EMPIRICISM**

### **1. True or false?**

Rationalist is someone who believe strongly in the importance of reason.

Rationalist also believes that man has certain innate ideas that exist in mind prior to all experience.

There is a distinction between Continental Empirism and British Rationalism.

Descartes is a rationalist.

Locke and Spinoza were empirists.

Hume was empirist.

### **2. Fill in the gaps**

According to Locke, before we sense anything, the ..... is as bare and empty as a ..... before the teacher arrives in the classroom. But then we begin to sense ..... We see the ..... around us, we smell, we taste, feel and hear. In this way what Locke called simple ideas arise. But the mind just not passively ..... information from outside it. Some activity happens ..... the mind as well. The single sense ideas are worked on by thinking, reasoning, believing and doubting, thus giving rise to what he calls reflection. So he distinguished between " ....." and "reflection".

### **3. Put in the correct order**

Konwledge that cannot be traced back to a simple sensation is therefore false knowledge and must consequently rejected.

When I eat an apple I don't sense the whole apple in a single sensation.

But I receive a whole series of simple sensation (sth green, smells, fresh....).

All the materials for ou knowledge of the world comes to us through sensations.

Only after I have eaten an apple many times I think "I'm eating an apple".

