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Clear thinking (also called critical thinking) is the hallmark of psychological science. The two stories you are about to read demonstrate how clear thinking works and why it is so important. The first is a story about a determined teacher and his belief that he could teach an ordinary horse to think. The second story is about children and adults with communications difficulties (often attributed to autism) and the dedicated professionals who try to help them based on their belief in a therapeutic technique called *facilitated communication*. However, both of these stories are really about all of us and our propensity to believe in