

# Why should we be good?



Overview		
<p><u>Why should we be good?</u> In a world where things are changing, more so than ever, it is important that we know where our 'morals' or 'guidance' comes from and how to use it in order to shape our lives and the lives of people around us. Why should we be good? What makes us think about the response to that question, are things that we will look at in this topic.</p>	<p><u>Where do we get moral guidance?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family</li> <li>- Friends</li> <li>- Conscience</li> <li>- Religion</li> <li>- Peers</li> <li>- Media</li> </ul>	<p><u>Examples of moral dilemmas</u> 'The runaway train.' 'The trolley problem.' 'A judge's dilemma.' 'Your best friend's wedding.' 'Reporting Robin hood.' 'A car crash and killed a pedestrian.'</p>



Martin Luther King jr	Rosa Parks	Malala Yousufzai
<p>Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist, one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. Inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi, King participated in and led marches for the right to vote, desegregation, labour rights, and other civil rights.</p>	<p>Rosa Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott. The United States Congress has honored her as "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement". Parks act of defiance and the Montgomery bus boycott became important symbols of the Civil rights movement.</p>	<p>Malala is known for human rights advocacy, especially the education of women and children in her native homeland, Swat, where the Pakistani Taliban have at times banned girls from attending school. "I raise up my voice – not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard."</p>

Answers to important questions		
<p>What is the conscience?</p>	<p>Our <b>conscience</b> (con - shun -s) is what tells us the difference between right and wrong. When we are babies, we do not know the difference between right and wrong (amoral). As we grow up all sorts of things help us to learn the difference between right and wrong.</p>	<p><b>Key Vocabulary</b></p> <p>Moral Immoral Amoral Absolutism Relativism Cultural Relativism Dilemma Egoism Utilitarianism</p> <p><b>Key concepts</b></p> <p>Where do people get moral guidance from? Absolutism/relativism Conscience</p>
<p>What is the difference between absolute and relativism?</p>	<p><b>Absolute</b> Morality - Actions are always right or wrong, regardless of the circumstances. <b>Relative</b> morality - What is right or wrong depends on other factors, such as the situation or culture.</p>	



Utilitarianism and Egoism
<p><b>Utilitarianism</b> - an action is right in so far as it promotes happiness, and that the greatest happiness of the greatest number should be the guiding principle of conduct.</p> <p><b>Egoism</b> - Is the right to act in your own self interest.</p>

