

Evilometer guidance sheet

<p>D. Stealing £10,000 to pay for lifesaving treatment for a stranger. P. Stealing £10,000 to pay for lifesaving treatment for a friend S. Stealing £10,000 to pay for lifesaving treatment for yourself</p>	<p>Selflessness/selfishness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does doing something for selfless reasons make it better?
<p>X. Drinking three pints of beer and driving, resulting in a fatal accident Z. Drinking five pints of beer and driving, but not causing an accident</p>	<p>Intention/luck</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can being unlucky make a wrong action worse?
<p>B. Giving up your place in a lifeboat to a mother and infant twins M. Refusing to give up your space in the last lifeboat to a mother and infant twins. V. Pushing an old man out of a lifeboat to make space for a mother and infant twins</p>	<p>Selflessness, also quality of life issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could it be wrong to make someone else do the right thing? • Do all lives have the same value?
<p>O. Putting out your hand to push someone you dislike to his death down an open lift shaft Y. Allowing someone you dislike to fall to his death down an open lift shaft by not putting out your hand.</p>	<p>Action vs. Omission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is doing something bad any better than letting it happen?
<p>C. Blowing up a caver who has got stuck in the exit of a cave to save the five people behind him from drowning Q. Sharing out the organs of a healthy person to save the lives of five others</p>	<p>Utilitarianism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can it be right to sacrifice one life to save several others?
<p>K. Murdering an evil dictator I. Murder T. Murdering a new-born child G. Lying to save Jews hiding from the Nazis J. Lying W. Lying when under oath in a court of law</p>	<p>Consequences vs. Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there anything that could never be the right thing to do, whatever the circumstances?

<p>F. Avenging the death of a friend by killing his killer U. Forgiving the killer of a friend</p>	<p>Relativism, culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How could you decide who has the right idea about forgiveness – the Vatican or the mafia?
<p>E. Cutting overseas aid to spend more on care for the elderly in the NHS. N. Sacrificing the lives of children to extend the lives of the elderly.</p>	<p>Consistency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we think children's lives are important, why do we spend so much on health care and so little on overseas aid?
<p>R. Surfing the internet for the last half hour of each working day H. Stealing £5 a day from the takings in the shop at which you work.</p>	<p>Consistency, argument from popularity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is stealing time any better than stealing money (just because more people do it)?
<p>A. Someone working while claiming unemployment benefit L. A rich person avoiding tax.</p>	<p>Needs/status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it OK to be greedy if you're needy?