

## Lesson 6: How do hedonists make moral decisions?

**Hedonism** means using pleasure and pain as guides to make moral decisions.

Hedonists say if you want to know the right thing to do you need to ask:

**How much pain does it cause?**

**How much pleasure does it cause?**

“Create all the pleasure you are able to create; remove all the pain you are able to remove”

Jeremy Bentham,



This is **Jeremy Bentham**. He studied **ethics** and decided **hedonism** was the best way to work out what the right thing to do is.

**This might seem like a really good idea but can you think of any problems with it?**



**How would a hedonist go about making the decision of whether to share their birthday cake?**

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**Fill out the spider diagram**

Problems  
with  
hedonism