

MEANINGS OF GOOD

Teacher notes

1. Use the digital resource Meanings of Good
2. Ask the students to describe what “a good guitar’ etc means.
3. Discuss what each is for – what the function is. But what is the function of a human being? What is our purpose? (Aristotle – the function of a human being is to reason excellently to achieve the completely fulfilled life).
4. What makes a ‘good person’. Write some answers on the board.
5. Are the meanings of good here the same or different? Is there a prescriptive meaning of good ‘ a good person should do x’?
6. Introduce the idea of naturalism – naturalists believe goodness can be measured and translated into facts (about pleasure, happiness, human flourishing).