

Scaffolding Inference

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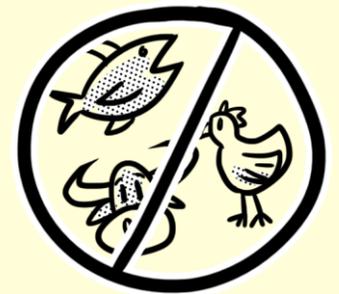
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Read this text and think about the question below.

Have you caused any harm today? Hopefully, your answer will be no. Most religions offer guidance on living peaceful, considerate lives. In Hinduism and Buddhism, it is a very important part of religious teaching. The idea of living without causing harm, known as “Ahimsa”, is seen as a great virtue. This does not just mean that people should avoid harming other people. The idea is that we should avoid harming any living creature. This raises some difficult questions. You probably think that it is clearly wrong to be cruel to animals but how do you decide what is and what is not cruel? Is eating meat cruel? What about fish? Is it cruel to keep cows for milk? Do horses really want to take part in show jumping or racing? Where do you draw the line?



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What we need to know first ...

a. Vocabulary question (Click to check your answer.)

What does *virtue* mean? Choose one of the options below.

not real

peace

not hard

goodness

b. Retrieval question (Click to check your answer.)

What is Ahimsa?

The idea of living without causing harm.

Thinking about the question

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If the question is "Why?", I'm looking for a reason.

I need to link Ahimsa to keeping cows for milk.

Ahimsa is about not causing harm to living creatures.

I know that cows are milked daily.

Cows may not enjoy being kept in pens and being milked every day.