Lesson 6: New medicines

Task 5(b): Animal testing - Is it morally right?

Students are required to draw a table with two columns, one with the heading 'morally right', the other with 'morally wrong'. In groups of 2, 3 or 4, they discuss, then place the following statements into the correct column.

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Statements

- **A.** Human life has greater intrinsic value than animal life.
- **B.** Animals have as much right to life as human beings.
- **C.** Strict controls have not prevented researchers from abusing animals although such instances are rare.
- **D.** Legislation protects all laboratory animals from cruelty or mistreatment.
- **E.** Deaths through research are absolutely unnecessary and are morally no different from murder.
- **F.** When locked up they suffer tremendous stress. Can we know they don't feel pain?
- **G.** Millions of animals are killed for food every year if anything, medical research is a more worthy death.
- **H.** Few animals feel any pain as they are killed before they have the chance to suffer.