

Human beings: fill in the blanks activity

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These capacities give us a _____ to think carefully about how we live. Many humanists believe that, if we do our best to overcome our negative behaviours and promote our positive capacities (and encourage others to do the same), then we have the _____ to make the world a better place.

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These capacities give us a **responsibility** to think carefully about how we live. Many humanists believe that, if we do our best to overcome our negative behaviours and promote our positive capacities (and encourage others to do the same), then we have the **potential** to make the world a better place.

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