

Fill in the gaps with the words from the box:

under wraps opulence in high regard pursuing
riveting prevalent caution to the wind advocate



The ultimate goal in life is to get pleasure and avoid pain. That's what I believe and why I 1) _____ for hedonism. Now, when you hear the word "hedonism," you might think of wild parties with extravagant decorations, gourmet ['ɡʊəmeɪ] cuisine, and high-end beverages. But that's not what I'm talking about here. I'm not saying we should all strive for constant thrills and 2) _____.

Instead, I'm suggesting that we should prioritize our own happiness and well-being above all else. This idea isn't new. Ancient Greek philosophers like Epicurus and modern thinkers like John Stuart Mill have held this view 3) _____. But it's still not as 4) _____ in our society as it should be. So, many people waste their lives doing things they hate, just because they feel like they have to or because they think it will lead to some future reward. But what if there is no future reward? What if this is all we have? We need to make the most of it. That doesn't mean we should throw 5) _____ and live recklessly. It means we should take control of our own lives and do what makes us happy. Of course, there are times when we have to do things we don't want to do. We all have responsibilities and obligations. But even then, we can find ways to make our lives more enjoyable. And we shouldn't let societal expectations or fear of judgment keep us from 6) _____ our passions and finding true fulfilment. So, let's stop pretending that we're happy when we're not. Let's stop keeping our dreams and desires 7) _____. Let's start living for ourselves, not for others. This 8) _____ approach to life can lead to a more satisfying and meaningful existence.

