

What Would An Epicurean Use In Their Toolkit For Making Their Hedonic Calculus?

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For example, in listing any pleasure, such as for example 'dinner on the town' I would think someone would need to consider --

- the duration of the pleasurable experience while it is ongoing
- the expected future physical pleasure (or pain) from the experience
- the expected future mental pleasure (or pain) from remembering the experience or from other longer-term ramifications of the dinner
- the "intensity" of the pleasurable experience (some kind of personal ranking system of intensity)?
- the repeatability of the experience (can it be done again in the future? how often?)

but those are just general categories and each one breaks down much further. It's probably also not possible even to come up with firm categories. But by listing the possibilities it opens up the issue to visualization.