ANIMAL RIGHTS

Dialogue

- **A:** What do you think of fox-hunting?
- **B:** I'm completely against it.
- **A:** But if you worked on a farm and your chickens were killed by foxes, you'd think differently.
- B: I doubt it. People who keep all those hounds and dress up in colourful costumes really enjoy killing foxes. Besides, it's such a cruel way to kill them.
- A: Do you really think so? Once the first dog has caught up with the fox, death is fairly instant.
- B: You seem to forget that the fox is already dying of exhaustion after a long chase. Then it's torn to pieces. If farmers really need to kill foxes, why don't they just shoot them? There'd be far less damage to the countryside without hunts.
- **A:** But fox-hunting is part of country life. It's one of our traditions.
- B: That's beside the point. Dog fighting and cock fighting were traditions and so was slavery before we became a more civilized society by making these things illegal.

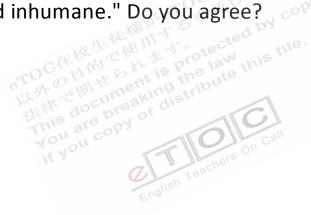


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Discussion

- 1. Many vegetarians believe that factory farming is a cruel and unnecessary practice and that our diets would be healthier if we ate less meat. Do you agree?
- 2. Animal rights protesters argue that the export of live animals for slaughter is uncivilized and should be prohibited under international law. Do you agree?
- 3. "Keeping animals in zoos and circuses to entertain human-beings is selfish and inhumane." Do you agree?





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