

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.



English Teachers On Call

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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