

# Sustainable Supply Chain Management Discussion

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## 1. Role-Play Dialogue (Approx. 10 minutes)

### Characters:

- **Emma (Supply Chain Manager)**
- **James (CSR Director)**

### Dialogue:

**Emma:** Good morning, James. I wanted to discuss how we can enhance sustainability in our supply chain. If we implement sustainable practices, then we could reduce our environmental impact.

**James:** Good morning, Emma. I completely agree. A sustainable supply chain not only benefits the environment but also improves our brand image and operational efficiency. Have you identified any key areas for improvement?

**Emma:** Yes. One major issue is sourcing materials. If we partner with eco-friendly suppliers, then we will lower our carbon footprint significantly.

**James:** That makes sense. Additionally, if we optimize transportation routes and use energy-efficient logistics, then we could cut emissions and costs.

**Emma:** Absolutely. We should also consider adopting circular economy principles. If we implement recycling and reusing processes, then we can minimize waste.

**James:** That's an excellent point. Another concern is compliance with environmental regulations. If we ensure transparency in our supply chain, then we will maintain regulatory compliance and avoid potential fines.

**Emma:** Agreed. To move forward, we should create a sustainability framework and set measurable goals. If we establish clear benchmarks, then we can track our progress effectively.

**James:** That sounds like a solid plan. Let's present these ideas at the next executive meeting. If we get approval, then we can begin implementation immediately.

**Emma:** Great! I'll prepare a report outlining our strategy. Thanks for your input, James.

**James:** Anytime, Emma. Looking forward to making our supply chain more sustainable.

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## **2. Comprehension Questions & Sample Answers (Approx. 5 minutes)**

### **1. What is the main topic of discussion?**

- The discussion focuses on improving sustainability in the supply chain by reducing environmental impact.

### **2. What are two key strategies mentioned for sustainability?**

- Partnering with eco-friendly suppliers and optimizing transportation routes.

### **3. Why is transparency important in the supply chain?**

- It ensures regulatory compliance and helps avoid fines.

### **4. What will Emma do next after this discussion?**

- She will prepare a report outlining the sustainability strategy to present at the executive meeting.
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## **3. Teacher's Lesson Points (Concise Version)**

### **Pre-Class Preparation:**

- Review key vocabulary (supply chain, sustainability, carbon footprint, circular economy, transparency, compliance).

- Familiarize yourself with modal verbs (could, should, must) and conditionals (if-then structures).

## **Lesson Flow:**

### **1. Introduction (2–3 minutes)**

- Ask students: "What does a sustainable supply chain mean to you?"
- Briefly introduce the lesson objectives: discussing supply chain sustainability using modal verbs and conditionals.

### **2. Reading & Analysis (10 minutes)**

- Have students read the dialogue aloud.
- Focus on pronunciation, intonation, and fluency.
- Highlight grammar points: modal verbs (could, should, will) and conditional sentences.

### **3. Comprehension Check (5 minutes)**

- Ask comprehension questions and provide feedback.

### **4. Role-Play Practice (Remaining Time)**

- Conduct a role-play with the teacher as James and the student as Emma (or vice versa).
- Encourage students to use target vocabulary and grammar structures.

### **5. Wrap-Up (2–3 minutes)**

- Summarize key points.
- Assign homework: "Prepare a short proposal on one strategy for making a supply chain more sustainable, using modal verbs and conditionals."