



# Colegio Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

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**ACTIVITY TITLE:** FOCUSED DISCUSSION

**AIM OF THE ACTIVITY:** Develop speaking skills, practice conversation, enhance vocabulary around a topic

**ESTIMATED DURATION:** 20 minutes activity

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Sheets with questions about any topic you want to focus

**ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:** Example for a B2 level

**SUGGESTED LEVEL:** Depending on the words you choose it's easily adaptable and versatile to different levels

## PROCEDURE

This activity is perfect to revise vocabulary surrounding a topic the students already know. The following steps are an example to organise the activity:

- 1.- Introduce the topic and ask everyone to think words related to it. Students have to say/write as many words as they can. (5 minutes)
- 2.- Hand out a sheet with the questions to each student and give 3 minutes to read them.
- 3.- Tell the students to ask their group partners any question and try to start a conversation about it sharing their points of view. (10 minutes)
- 4.- Let any volunteer to ask a question to another partner and start an organised conversation in which everyone can participate.

**Tip:** To adapt the activity to lower levels you can add the beginning of some common answers to each question.



## *Countryside vs City*

What is your favourite thing about the countryside? How about your least favourite?

What are the stereotypical differences between city folk and country folk? Do you think there is any truth to these stereotypes?

What is your opinion on hunting for sport?

Do you enjoy going camping? If you have never gone camping, do you think you would enjoy it?

What are the pros of being a farmer? How about the cons?

What is your opinion on vegetarianism?

How, if at all, does the countryside in your country differ from that of Britain? How about the wild life?

Do you feel safer in a big city or in the middle of nowhere?

How important is it to you to have a garden where you live?

Would you rather live in an urban area (e.g. a big city) or a rural area (e.g. a small village)?

Do you know any survival tips for living in the wilderness? If not, can you guess what the most important things are?

When, if ever, have you been on a farm? What was it like?

Do you think areas should be preserved for wild life even though the population is increasing?

Are large parks in cities adequate substitutes for the countryside?

How much do you know about your native flora and fauna?

