

Role 1: Traditional farmer – You believe the following:

- We need pesticides to kill insects and bugs.
- We have to use fertilisers to give the soil more nutrients to grow more food, and faster.
- We are a big industry – in 2019, 27 per cent of the global population worked in farming (World Bank figure).
- In the next ten years, food demand will increase by 35 per cent – we need to meet the demand.
- The prices we get for our food are forced down by the supermarkets and merchants. We need to produce more to live.

In the meeting try to persuade:

- the organic farmer and the environmental activist that sometimes we need to use pesticides to kill bugs and that we need fertilisers because the demand for food is growing all the time
- the supermarket to pay you more for the food they buy from you.



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Role 2: Organic farmer – You believe the following:

- We need to feed people, but we must protect the environment and natural resources for future generations.
- We need to protect biodiversity and endangered species – chemical use and the destruction of their habitats must stop.
- We cannot depend upon pesticides – we can manage bugs and insects in more natural ways, as previous generations did.
- We must give animal welfare a priority.
- We shouldn't destroy trees; we should plant trees. The trees remove carbon from the atmosphere.
- We should farm organically – without fertilisers and other chemicals.

In the meeting try to persuade the traditional farmer that:

- preserving biodiversity must take priority to protect different species
- we can manage bugs without chemicals
- animal welfare must be the most important part of food production, even if it makes food more expensive

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