

Life in  
the Country

## LESSON SUMMARY

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Word/Phrase	Meaning	Example
hometown (n) /həʊmtaʊn/	a person's place of birth	My family often goes back to our <b>hometown</b> in spring.
folk (adj) /fɔ:k/	traditional to a group of people or an area	My little sister has lots of fun playing <b>folk</b> games with her friends.
tug of war (n) /tʌg əv 'wɔ:r/	a game in which two people or teams hold a rope and try to pull against each other	My classmates enjoy playing <b>tug of war</b> after school.
jump rope (n) /dʒʌmp 'roʊp/	a game in which two people hold a rope and one or more people jump over it	In my hometown, <b>jump rope</b> is one of the kids' favorite leisure activities.
pick (v) /pɪk/	to take fruits, flowers or leaves from trees	My little nieces and nephews <b>pick</b> fruits in my garden.
spinning top (n) /spɪnɪŋ tɔ:p/	a game in which players use wooden toys that turns around and around very fast	My cousins rarely play <b>spinning tops</b> .
herd (v) /hɜ:rd/	to make animals move together as a group	It can be fun to <b>herd</b> the bulls and buffaloes.

## Grammar

## Verbs (to express preference) + to-infinitives

- We can use **verbs + to-infinitives** to talk about activities people like or prefer to do.

The children **love to play** tug of war.

Ann doesn't **like to play** shuttlecock.

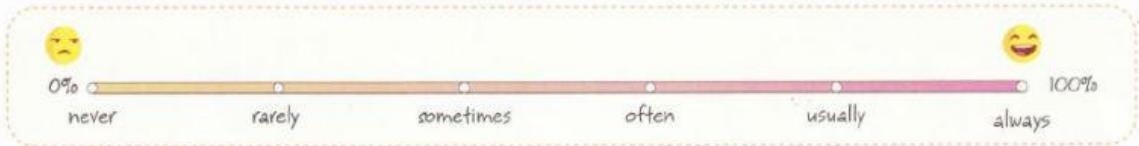
Do your sisters **like to play** computer games? – Yes, they do.

What does your brother **like to play**? – He **prefers to play** folk games.



## Adverbs of frequency

- We can use **adverbs of frequency** to say how often things happen.



I **sometimes** play video games with my sisters.

She doesn't **often** play folk games.

Do you **usually** play soccer after school? – No, I don't.

How often does your brother exercise? – He **rarely** exercises.

Who does your cousin often play with? – He **never** tells who he plays with.

## Pronunciation

### • Intonation for Yes/No question

At the end of a Yes/No question, your voice rises.

Does he like to play tug of war?

Do they prefer to play soccer?

### • Pronouncing /ɪ/ and /i:/

/ɪ/

- pick /pɪk/
- pretty /prɪti/
- city /sɪti/

- think /θɪŋk/
- pink /pɪŋk/
- village /'vɪlɪdʒ/

/i:/

- eat /i:t/
- cheese /tʃi:z/
- these /ði:z/

- field /fi:ld/
- people /'pi:pl/
- machine /ma'ʃɪn/

## PRACTICE



## Pronunciation

Circle the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.

1 A hit	B spin	C tin	D ski
2 A like	B kiss	C kick	D pick
3 A tea	B meat	C pear	D peach
4 A she	B key	C scene	D plenty
5 A routine	B penguin	C vaccine	D machine

## Vocabulary

a. Match the descriptions to the words in the box.

- 1 a place such as a town or city in which a person is born and lives
- 2 to make animals move together in a group
- 3 a sport in which one team tries to push the other over the middle point
- 4 to remove anything off a plant or tree so as to take its flowers, fruit, etc.
- 5 a game in which players jump off the ground and over a rope while two people hold the rope

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b. Complete the text with the words or phrases in the boxes.

herd

folk

pick

jump rope

spinning tops

I come from a small village in the country. In my village, teenagers like to 6) \_\_\_\_\_ flowers and play 7) \_\_\_\_\_ games. In their free time, they often play 8) \_\_\_\_\_ and tug of war. They also love to play 9) \_\_\_\_\_ with their wooden toys. After school, they often help 10) \_\_\_\_\_ buffalo for their parents.

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## Grammar

### a. Circle ONE mistake in each sentence.

- 1 What does your brother like plays?  
A B C D
- 2 My younger brother prefer to play outdoors.  
A B C D
- 3 My sisters love pick flowers and playing jump rope.  
A B C D
- 4 My cousins doesn't like to play video games in their free time.  
A B C D
- 5 My father loves played shuttlecock with his friends when they meet.  
A B C D



### b. Circle the correct options.

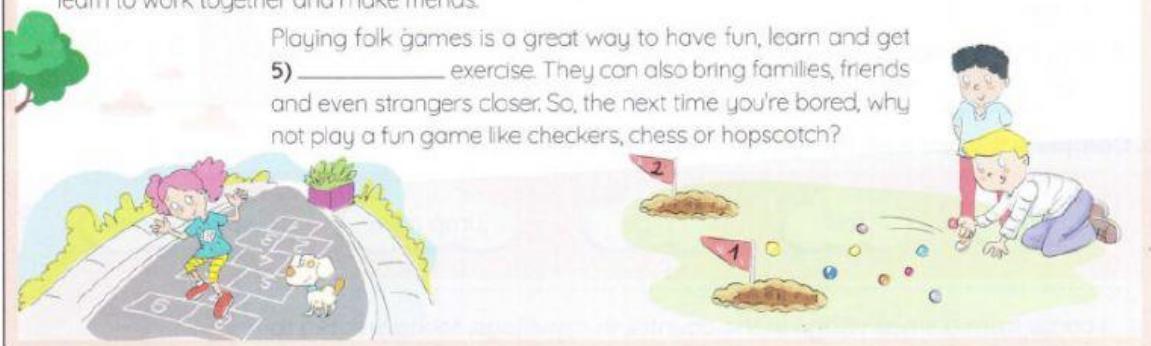
- 6 Ben always / sometimes / never does exercise. He watches TV all the time.
- 7 Clara often / never / rarely cooks. She enjoys cooking her own meals.
- 8 Tara usually / often / rarely listens to podcasts. She prefers to watch videos.
- 9 Joe is a fan of soccer and he usually / sometimes / rarely plays with his friends after school.
- 10 Mia loves jump rope. She rarely / never / always plays it when she finishes her homework.

## Reading

### a. Read the text about folk games. Circle the best options.

Folk games can be anything from physical games like tug of war, tag to board games like checkers or chess. Jump rope, marbles and hopscotch are some of the 1) \_\_\_\_\_ well-known folk games. Most of these games are outdoor ones, and people of all 2) \_\_\_\_\_ can enjoy them. Usually, folk games are very interactive and require players to work together and make plans. Folk games are not only fun 3) \_\_\_\_\_, but they can also be good for kids' body and mind. Playing these games helps kids stay active, improve their physical health and work on their ability to 4) \_\_\_\_\_ problems and think critically. Folk games also help kids get to know each other, learn to work together and make friends.

Playing folk games is a great way to have fun, learn and get 5) \_\_\_\_\_ exercise. They can also bring families, friends and even strangers closer. So, the next time you're bored, why not play a fun game like checkers, chess or hopscotch?



1 A much	B more	C most	D almost
2 A ages	B points	C occasions	D moments
3 A play	B plays	C playing	D to play
4 A make	B solve	C create	D cause
5 A few	B some	C many	D a large number

**b. Read the text about folk games. Write T (true), F (false) or DS (doesn't say).**

Folk games are traditional games that people of all ages appear to enjoy playing. They can take many forms and differ from culture to culture. Tug of war is one of the most popular folk games. Two teams pull on a rope in opposite directions until one of them crosses the centerline. Hopscotch is another popular game in which players jump on one foot while throwing a small object into a numbered pattern on the ground. Sack races, in which participants race while jumping inside a sack, and blind man's bluff, in which one player gets blindfolded and then tries to catch the other players, are two other folk games. There's also the game of marbles, in which players shoot marbles into a circle in the hopes of knocking out the marbles of their opponents. Folk games are a great way to learn about our culture. These games also assist people in making new friends and working as a team. They can teach important values and encourage physical fitness. Participating in a folk game can be a fun and memorable way to bring people together.

6 Tug of war is the only popular folk game. \_\_\_\_\_  
7 Hopscotch is a game where players hop on two feet. \_\_\_\_\_  
8 The game of marbles involves shooting marbles into a basket. \_\_\_\_\_  
9 Folk games can teach important values. \_\_\_\_\_  
10 Playing folk games can help people memorize things better. \_\_\_\_\_

## Speaking

Complete the conversation using the sentences in the box. There is one extra sentence.

Ben Do you like to play any folk games?  
Mia 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben What other games do you like to play?  
Mia 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben Are you good at jump rope?  
Mia 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben No, I rarely play jump rope, but I prefer spinning tops.  
Mia 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben Boys always love to play spinning tops.  
Mia 5) \_\_\_\_\_

A I think so.  
B It is jump rope. I sometimes meet my classmate for it.  
C Yes, I do. Tug of war is my favorite game.  
D No, I am not. What about you, Ben?  
E Interesting! I usually watch my brothers play it in the yard.  
F I play it after school.

## Writing

**a. Make sentences using the prompts.**

1 She / not / like / play jump rope / her cousins.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2 your parents / like / go cycling / free time?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
3 What sports / Ben and Ed / prefer / play / weekend?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
4 Where / Bill / prefer / play soccer / his friends / after school?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
5 Maya / like / play tug of war / her classmates / schoolyard.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**b. Answer the questions about yourself.**

6 Do you like to play folk games?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
7 Who do you like to play a folk game with?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
8 When do you prefer to play sports?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
9 Where do you prefer to play sports?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
10 What folk games don't you like to play?  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Answer Key**



- Pronunciation \_\_\_\_\_ /10 pts.
- Vocabulary \_\_\_\_\_ /20 pts.
- Grammar \_\_\_\_\_ /20 pts.

- Reading \_\_\_\_\_ /20 pts.
- Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ /10 pts.
- Writing \_\_\_\_\_ /20 pts.

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Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 100 pts.

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