

## Unit 2 Life in the Country

### LESSON 2

#### Can you...?

- talk about folk games and activities in the country
- use verbs (to express preference) + to-infinitives and adverbs of frequency



#### Let's Talk!

**In pairs:** Look at the picture. What are the children doing?  
What else can children do for fun in the country?



#### New Words

**a. Read the sentences, then match the words with the definitions.**

**Listen and repeat.**



Last weekend, I went to visit my family in my hometown. I don't come from a big city. I'm from a village in the country. In my village, young people love to pick flowers and play folk games. They jump rope and play tug of war with a rope. When they play spinning tops, they use small wooden toys. They also herd buffalo to help their parents.

1. hometown: a person's place of birth
2. \_\_\_\_\_: traditional to a group of people or a place
3. \_\_\_\_\_: a game that has two teams hold a rope and try to pull the hardest
4. \_\_\_\_\_: a game that has two people hold a rope and one or more people jump over it
5. \_\_\_\_\_: to take flowers or fruit from the plant or tree where they are growing
6. \_\_\_\_\_: a game that players use wooden toys which spin very quickly
7. \_\_\_\_\_: to make animals move together as a group

**b. In pairs:** Talk about what you like to do when you visit places in the country.

When I go to my hometown, I like to play soccer with my friends.

I prefer to play folk games with my family.



## Reading

a. Read Vy's blog post. What does she mostly talk about?

1. popular activities in her hometown

2. her family's favorite folk games

### Visiting Family in My Hometown

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Hi, everyone! Sorry I didn't post anything last week! I couldn't use my computer because I wasn't at home.

I visited my family in my hometown. It's a small village in the country, about 200 kilometers from Ho Chi Minh City. My hometown is very different from the city. It's smaller, and it's much more traditional.

Here, the kids never play computer games, and they rarely watch TV. They prefer to play outdoors. They play sports and folk games. The girls love to jump rope and pick flowers. The boys love to play tug of war and soccer. I often play with the kids here, but I don't like to run around during the day because the weather is usually so sunny and hot.

I prefer to play chess because it's more relaxing than some folk games. My uncle and I sometimes sit down and play it under a tree.

What are your favorite activities?

b. Now, read and circle the correct answers.

1. Where was Vy last week?

A. in Ho Chi Minh City

**B. in her hometown**

C. in another country

2. What don't kids do in Vy's hometown?

A. play computer games

B. pick flowers

C. play soccer

3. What do girls like to do in Vy's hometown?

A. play spinning tops

B. play tug of war

C. pick flowers

4. What do boys like to do in Vy's hometown?

A. jump rope

B. play tug of war

C. herd buffalo

5. What does the word it in paragraph 4 refer to?

A. a game

B. a song

C. a place



c. Listen and read.



d. In pairs: Which folk games do you like? Why?

I really like tug of war because it's exciting, and many people can play it together.



## Grammar Meaning and Use

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

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

A: What do kids in your town **like to do**?

B: They **like to play tug of war** here.

### Adverbs of frequency

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

0% ————— 100%  
never — rarely — sometimes — often — usually — always

She **usually** plays tug of war with her cousins.

We **always** play sports at the park.



a. Read about verbs (to express preference) + to-infinitives and adverbs of frequency, then fill in the blanks.

b. Listen and check your answers. Listen again and repeat.





## Grammar Form and Practice

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

I **love to play** folk games.

She **prefers to play** spinning tops.

They **don't like to go** to the park.

A: What **do** they **like to do**?

B: They **like to play** folk games.

A: **Do** they **like to play** shuttlecock?

B: Yes, they **do**./No, they **don't**. They **prefer to play** soccer.

### Adverbs of frequency

I **always/usually/often/sometimes/rarely/never** play with my brother.

He **doesn't always/usually/often** play folk games.

A: **Do you always/usually/often** play games after school?

B: Yes, I **do**./No, I **don't**.

A: **Who do you usually** play spinning tops with?

B: I **usually** play spinning tops with my classmates.

#### a. Read the examples and notes above, then unscramble the sentences.

- visit/to/love/We/the/country.   
We love to visit the country.
- to/games./He/folk/prefers/play  
\_\_\_\_\_
- play?/she/like/Where/does/to  
\_\_\_\_\_
- play/to/don't/shuttlecock./like/I  
\_\_\_\_\_
- they/hometown?/to/their/Do/like/visit  
\_\_\_\_\_
- spinning/with/never/play/tops/my/sister./I  
\_\_\_\_\_
- herd/buffalo/you/always/on/weekends?/Do  
\_\_\_\_\_
- play/games/folk/in/cities./rarely/People  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### b. Write sentences using the prompts.

- I/like/visit/country.  
I like to visit the country.
- she/prefer/jump rope?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- what/kids/like/play/here?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- he/like/play/tug of war.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- we/not/like/pick/flowers.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- we/not/often/play spinning tops/after school.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- who/she/usually/jump rope/with?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- people/my hometown/sometimes/play/folk games.  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### c. In pairs: Ask and answer about what An likes to do.



jump rope



never

pick flowers



rarely

play tug of war



often - with  
local children

play spinning tops



always - with sister

Does An like to  
jump rope?

No, she doesn't.  
She never jumps rope.



## Pronunciation

### Intonation

#### a. Intonation for Yes/No questions rises.

Does he like to play folk games?

#### c. Listen and cross out the sentence that doesn't follow the note in "a."

Does he love to pick flowers?

Do they prefer to play soccer?

Do you like to visit the country?

#### b. Listen to the questions and notice how the intonation rises.

Does she like to eat hamburgers?

Do they like to jump rope?

#### d. Read the sentences with the rising intonation to a partner.



## Practice

In pairs: Ask and answer about what young people like to do in these places.

### Summerdale



often – park

### Greenville



What do young people like to do in Summerdale?

They like to play shuttlecock. They often play at the park.

### Riverton



always – school

### Mapleton



Do young people like to play spinning tops in Greenville?

No, they don't. They prefer to...

### Vermont



usually – weekend

### Hornsey



## Speaking

### FUN AND GAMES IN THE COUNTRY

a. In pairs: What activities do young people often like to do in the country? Where and when do they usually do the activities? Talk about the activities below and some of your own ideas.

What do young people like to do in the country?

They like to jump rope. They usually jump rope after school.

Do they like to play tug of war?

Yes, they do, but I think they prefer to...

tug of war

herd buffalo

pick flowers

shuttlecock

spinning tops

jump rope



b. Which activities do you prefer to do? Which activities don't you like? Why?