



Exercise 2: Geography

Which of these landscapes do you find most and least enjoyable?

The students are given an A3-sized photographic printout, illustrating five different kinds of agricultural landscapes. The photo series can also be shown for the whole class with a video projector, or printouts of optional photo series can be offered.

The photo series includes various types of agricultural landscapes; both conventional field areas and traditional rural biotopes (i.e., semi-natural grasslands and wooded pastures). The series can also contain two photos of the same location, photographed in different years.

1. First, each student is requested to arrange the photos according to his or her own liking; the most pleasant landscape on top, and the least enjoyable landscape at the bottom. No explanations are asked. The teacher notes down everyone's order of preference, and then calculates the general order of preference of the whole class.
2. Next, the students are divided into groups of 4-5 persons, which are given the same task to be discussed together. The groups are also asked to write down their statements on why they favoured a certain photo most, which one second, and so on.
3. In the end, the teacher leads a general discussion about the results of the group work. How similarly or differently did the individual groups arrange the photos? What kinds of arguments were used? Finally the teacher presents the results from the first assignment.