

'Feast or famine?' playing cards

The playing cards that follow relate to 'Feast or famine?', which appears on pages 10–11 of the 'Big Picture: Food and Diet' issue.

This content can also be found in an online format:

- 'Eating animals: a meaty problem': www.bigpictureeducation.com/eating-animals-meaty-problem
- 'Food miles: what's fair?': www.bigpictureeducation.com/food-miles-whats-fair

The first four cards show two pros and two cons of a proposed solution to 'Eating animals: a meaty problem?'. The solution is for the government to increase funding for research into bioengineered ('cultured') meat. These cards are printed on page 11 of Big Picture: Food and Diet.

The next four cards show two pros and two cons of another proposed solution to 'Eating animals: a meaty problem?'. The solution is for the government to launch a countrywide campaign to encourage people to have a meat-free day once a week.

The final four cards show two pros and two cons of a proposed solution to 'Food miles: what's fair?'. The solution is for local councils to support shops and markets in stocking more local produce and to increase the number of farmers' markets and food festivals.

For each of these proposed solutions, there are other pros and cons – plus some useful web links – in our lesson ideas, which can be found at

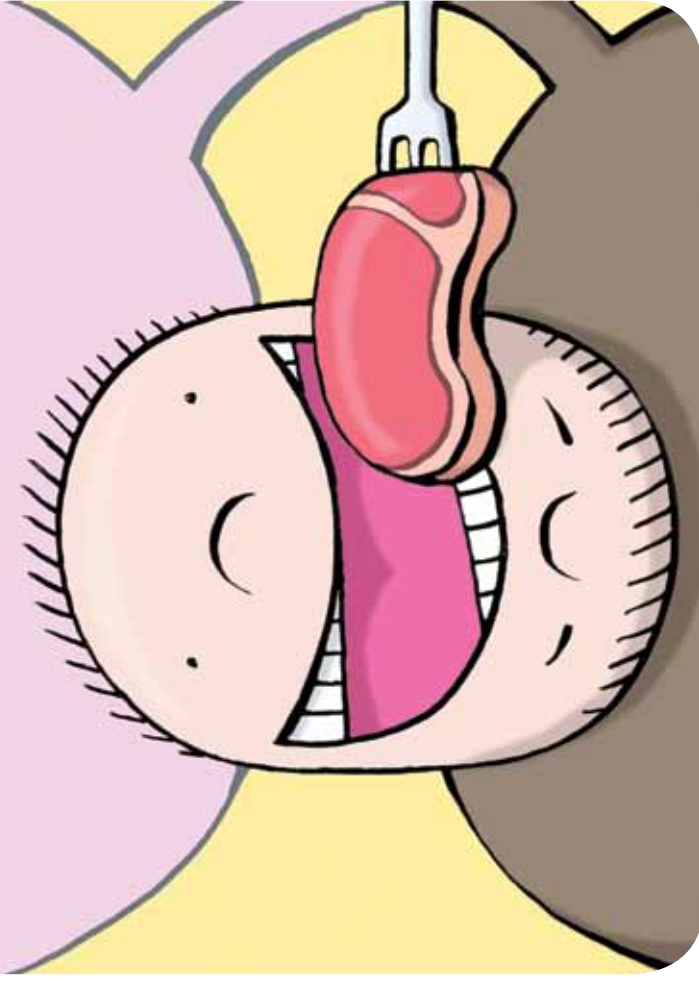
www.bigpictureeducation.com/lesson-ideas-eating-animals

www.bigpictureeducation.com/lesson-ideas-food-miles

- Why not draw your own playing cards? We've included two blank cards to use as templates.

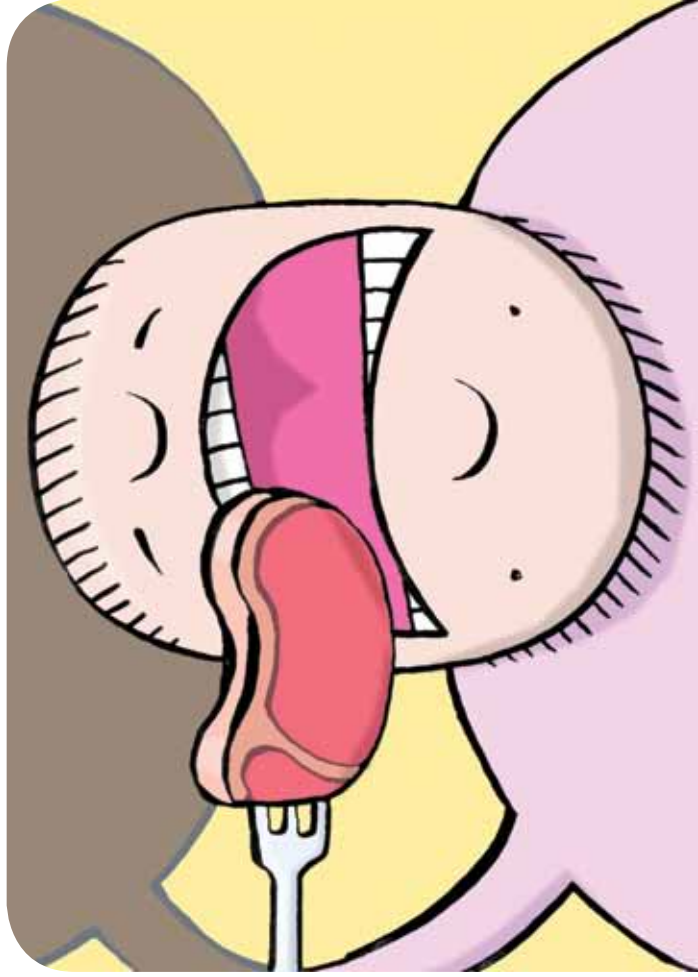
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Scientists might be able to control the amount of protein, fat and other nutrients in this meat.



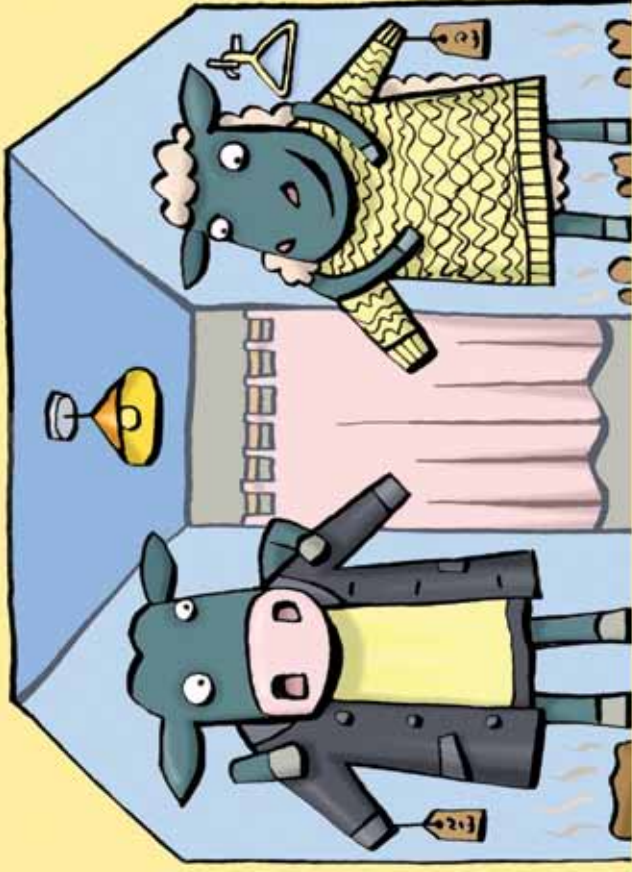
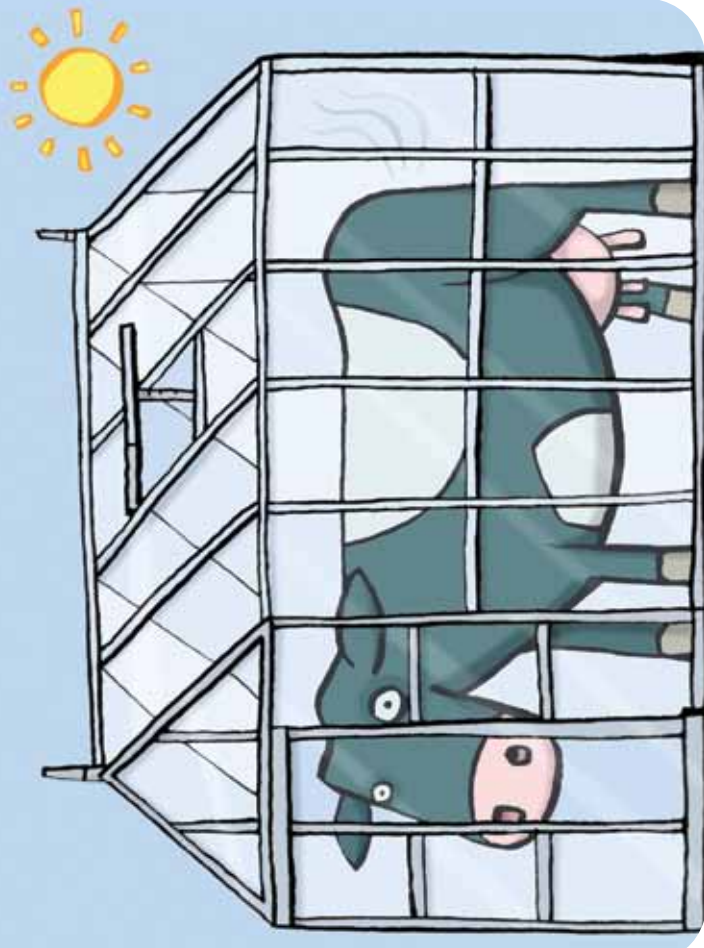
People might be uncomfortable about eating cultured meat.

CON



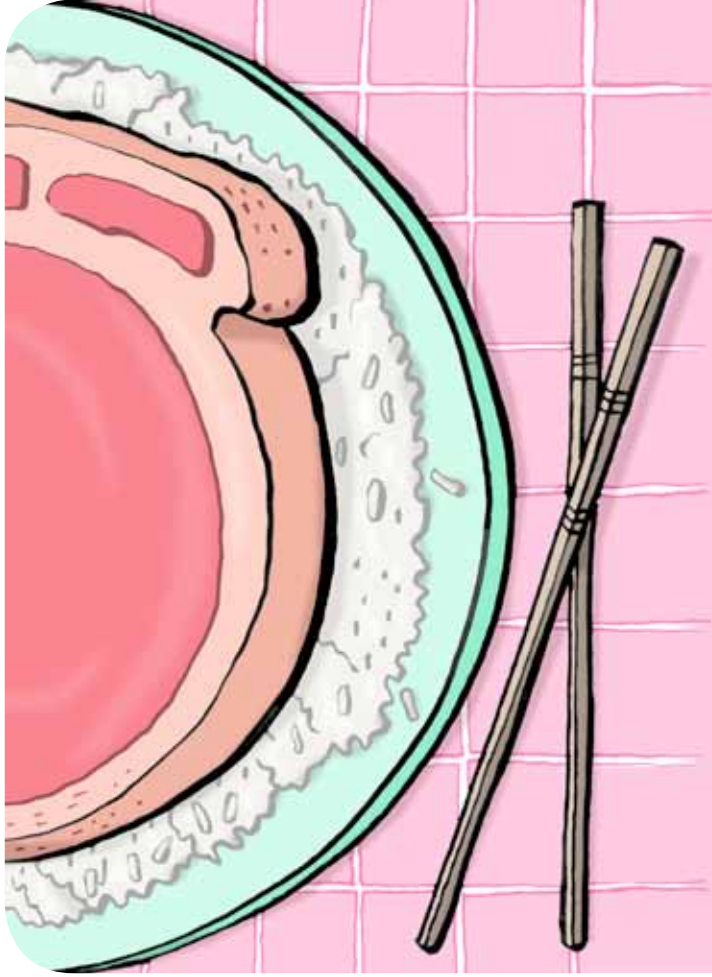
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Could produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions than current meat-production methods.



We don't just use animals for meat and milk, but also use their wool, skins and fleeces for leather, and their dung for fuel and fertiliser.

CON



Don't people have a right to eat meat if they want? Especially in emerging economies where substantial meat consumption is relatively recent and still growing (e.g. China)?

CON

PRO

Ethically right thing to do for environment, animals and other humans



PRO

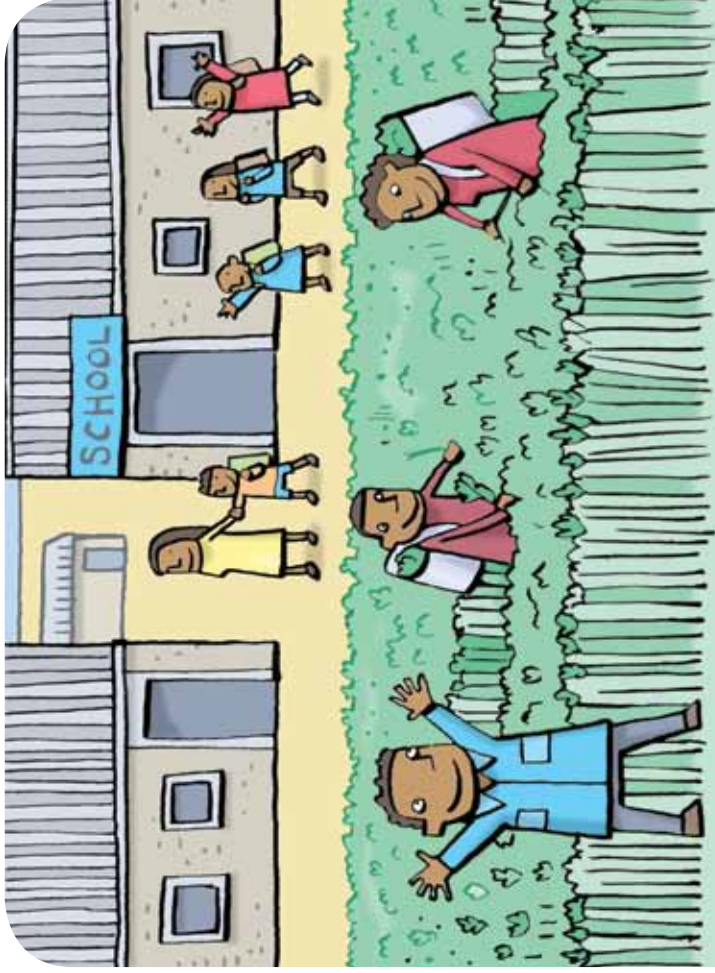
Eating less meat, especially processed forms, could improve people's health.



Meat is an important source of protein and micronutrients, such as iron, zinc and magnesium.

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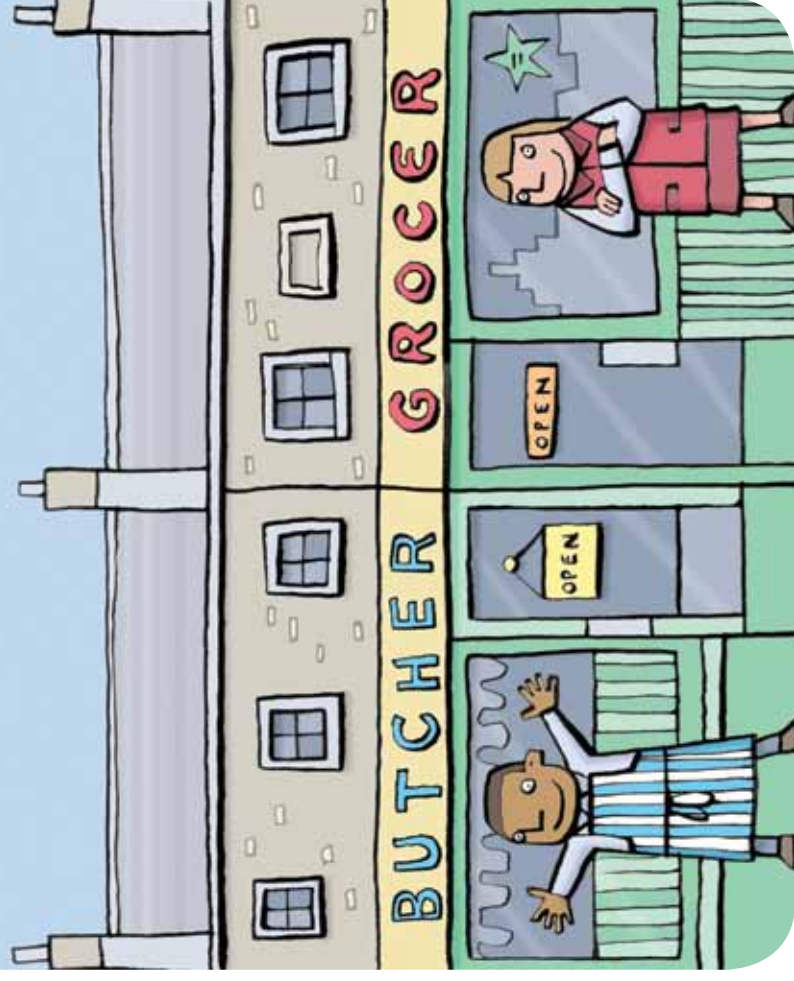


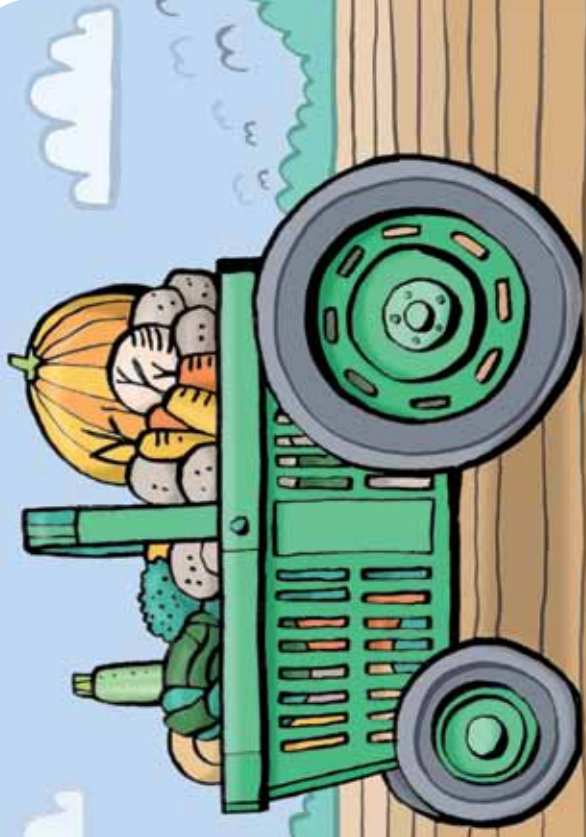


Shouldn't we
be supporting
overseas farmers?
CON

PRO

Buying local means you're
supporting your local
economy, contributing
to local jobs etc.





PRO

Locally produced food doesn't need to be shipped or flown thousands of miles.



Cultivation in the UK may be more energy-intensive than that abroad – a tomato grown in the UK may require heated greenhouses.

CON

PRO

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