

# Agree / Disagree / Depends

## Teachers' Notes

## Instructions

- Discuss each of the statements and decide whether you agree all the time, disagree all the time or whether it depends, perhaps on certain situations.
- Elect a group leader for each statement who will ultimately have the deciding vote in the event of a tie.
- After discussing the statement each member of the group gets to vote with the voting cards.
- You may not always all agree right away. For each statement discuss any queries the group has. Remember we are all entitled to our own opinions.

## Equipment

- Agree voting cards – one per child
- Disagree voting cards – one per child
- Depends voting cards – one per child

### Statement 1

All the food that we buy in the supermarket comes from Scotland

### Statement 2

Fruit and vegetables grown in a sunny country taste better

### Statement 3

Food from Scotland is some of the best tasting most nutritious food in the world

### Statement 4

It doesn't matter where my food comes from or how I travel to and from the supermarket

## Something to think about – Hints and Tips

- *Right produce right climate*
- *Not all the food we buy is produced or grown in Scotland. Not all the food we buy could be made in Scotland. Supermarkets are starting to put labels on the foods with perhaps the flag where the food comes from. Also, food could be grown in other countries but packaged in Scotland so there is a little bit of a grey area when it comes to 'where does our food come from'.*
- *During the recent volcanic ash scare at the Glasgow fruit market there were no green beans, sweet corn, mange tout or basil. None of these items were available. So the whole of Glasgow was buying products that were grown locally. This could be a thing of the future.*

- *Sometimes it comes down to price, food sourced locally may be more expensive than the same item made in Scotland. Other countries may have lower minimum wages and so may cost less to make. We have the choice to choose Fair Trade.*
- *Fruit and vegetables all require different conditions to grow. Some need lots of water, some need a dry heat, it just depends.*
- *Fruit and vegetables grown locally and picked out of the ground soon before being eaten is believed by some to taste better than food grown abroad and transported for a period of time. Animal produce like beef and lamb reared in Scotland supports local producers, and due to its quality, is in high demand abroad. Scotland sends its best produce all over the world. It is good quality and very nutritious.*
- *How food is transported makes a difference to the environmental impact. Travelling by boat is around a 100 times better than a plane. Supporting local producers where possible and eating food that has not travelled far is the recommendation. Also, cycling or walking to get the shopping helps too.*