

Fox-hunting.

Hunting is a very old activity. Hundreds of years ago, kings and their families hunted deer. In the 1800s, fox-hunting became more popular. The hunters used groups of dogs to chase the foxes while they followed on horses. They wore special clothes for hunting: bright jackets-usually red -black boots and black hats(in the UK).

This tradition continued through the 1800s and 1900s, especially in rural areas.

Also in our country used to hunting (to fox , wolf, etc) with horses, dogs, eagles. But it is illegal. Because most animals are disappearing now. That's why in our country has laws and “red book” for disappearing animals.

However, many people in the UK were unhappy about the tradition of fox-hunting. It was especially unpopular among people who lived in cities. They thought it was a cruel and out-dated activity and argued that it is wrong to kill animals for fun. The government agreed, and on 15 September 2004, they made a new law to ban hunting with dogs. The traditional fox hunts had to stop. They were now illegal.

Some people in the countryside feel very strongly that the hunting ban is unfair. They argue that the government stopped the hunts only because they disliked upper-class rural traditions.

They say that:

- foxes eat farm animals so farmers need help to protect their animals.
- in the countryside, 60% of people want fox-hunting to continue. We should respect rural traditions, and not allow people from cities to stop them.
- fox hunts created jobs for people,so the ban does a lot of damage to the economy in the countryside.

Some people even try to continue the tradition of hunting by using dogs and horses to chase a sock with a special smell, but it isn't the same. So, which is more important: respecting a rural tradition or protecting foxes? It is still a question that divides town and country in Britain.

Fox-hunting in UK.





Fox-hunting in Kyrgyzstan.





