

START OF THE DIALOGUE:

Dialogue: In front of the Pig Stable

The students have got the information about the live of conventional pig Knor and they already learned to know the live of an organic pig.

Now the following dialogue starts:

I am customer, a house-wife, carrying a shopping bag with food she has already bought.'

My colleague, Christine Vavra, is an animal-friend.

I pass by in front of the pig stable and start to talk with her:

C=Consumer

F=Animal friend

C: Hallo, nice day

F: Hallo, you did your weekly food shopping?

C: Yes, I bought wonderful things

F: Oh, how wonderful, you bought meat

To the pigs: She bought you.

C: Yes, we love porc, we love Schnitzel,

(she shows a Schnitzel picture, she picked out of her basket)

C: And we love Sausage,

(she shows a stick of sausage (Stange Wurst), sausages, 1 kilo of read meat, 1 chicken, beef...

She makes sounds like: mhhmmmm, schmatz, smells at the sausage... aaaaahhh, mmmmh...

F: Oh, it's all cheap sausage.

C: confused and a little bothered: What do you mean with cheap?? This is very good meat.

F: Is it organic/biological?

C: Ähmm, I don't know, let's see..... she looks at her food.... No, there is no organic sign on the meat and sausages.

(she shows unwrapped sausages)

C: How can I know if it is organic? This sausage is not in a plastic, it doesn't say anything.

F: If it would be organic, you would have an organic sign on it.

C: Oh, you mean like on the cucumber?

(she shows a cucumber with a „ja-natürlich“ Pickerl and other articles with an organic brand)

F: Yes, or like on the plastic here

(she picks an organic food out of the basket and shows it to the pigs)

F: You don't care about organic?

C: No, my meat has to have a wonderful red colour, a good smell, has to look fresh and powerful and it has to be cheap.

F says to the pigs: She wants to buy only cheap meat.

F to C: Do you know what it means to the animals when you buy cheap meat?

C: No, should I?

F: Yes, of course, cheap meat means a lot of suffering and pain for the animals

C: (fending off a little – etwas abwehrend) I don't believe that. I know the state takes care of the animals, he has rules for the farmers and the farmers get big problems when they don't treat the animals well.

F: Do you know what the state allows? How small the place is the state has given a pig to grow up?

C: I am sure, the state knows what is the best for animals. Do I have to be more clever than the state?? I am only an unimportant customer.

F turns to the animals: Dear pigs, let us show this lady here, how small your place in the stable is in a conventional factory farm, how you stood in the first stable.

The students take place as conventional meat pigs (not the breeding pigs).

F: Here you can see pigs in a conventional factory farm

(F turns C in the direction of the animals)

C confused: What?

C looks at the pigs, she realizes the situation of the pigs and looks shocked

C abruptly turns away that she looks again in the direction of F

C holds her hands beside the left and right side of her eyes, like she would have blinders (Scheuklappen) on.

C stumbles: I don't wanna see that, this can't be true.

F: I am sorry, this is the truth, every non organic meat in the supermarket comes from such a factory farm.

C still shocked: What can I do?

F: Buy organic meat

F shows meat with an organic label

F looks at the pigs: Please pigs, show her how much space an organic pig has.

The pigs take place in the bigger area for organic pigs.

C watches the pigs taking their place.

F: Look, the pigs have much more space now and part of their space has to be a run outside too. Don't they have a better life now?

C nods.

F counts with his fingers:

1. You can see that the organic farmer can grow less animals than the conventional farmer on the same space.
2. The animals get better food, organic food, that is more expensive

So, to make profit like the conventional farmer, he has to make a higher price for meat. Are you ready to pay a higher price?

C shocked: Ääähm, I should pay more??? But I have to feed a family.....And I don't earn enough money... and I want to travel in my vacations...

F turns to the animals: So go back into the conventional stable. She doesn't care about you and the way you have to live. She doesn't care if you suffer or not.

(The pigs take place in the small conventional stable)

(C looks at the pigs, herself she looks stressed and desperate)

C speaks to the pigs: No, I cannot stand this, I don't want you to live this way, this is cruel and heartless.... I want to do something...I don't want to give my money to such a farm!!

C: Hmmm, what can I do?.... When I take the money, I usually spend for meat and sausages

(she waves with a 50 Euro bill)

and buy organic meat and sausages for this amount, I can buy only less meat.

F: True, but you are the cook, you can cook more often meals with no meat f.e. mushroom sauce with dumplings or baked cheese

(F shows pictures of the meals)

C: Yes, and I can cook meals with less meat f.e. spaghetti carbonara, there is only a little ham in it....or rice with nuts and vegetable and small pieces of chicken. You have the taste of meat but you don't need very much.

(C shows pictures too)

F nods pleased: And, did you know that the medicines say, that we should eat meat only for three times a week or... not more than half a kilo of meat and sausage together? More is unhealthy for us.

C: Really? Hmmm... If I only buy half a kilo meat and sausage for every person I can easily buy enough meat for us with my 50 euros. I think this is a way, I can make.

(turns to the pigs)

C: Dear pigs, I know, you still have to die for me. But I will do as much as I can to help you. I will cook food with less meat or without any meat and Schnitzel only once a week. And I will give my money to farms where you have a good life.

C: Good bye pigs, I have to leave, she waves her hand, goodbye Christine

F: good bye Ilse