

Welcome!

This is a Casual Class which focuses on practicing your speaking skills with one another.

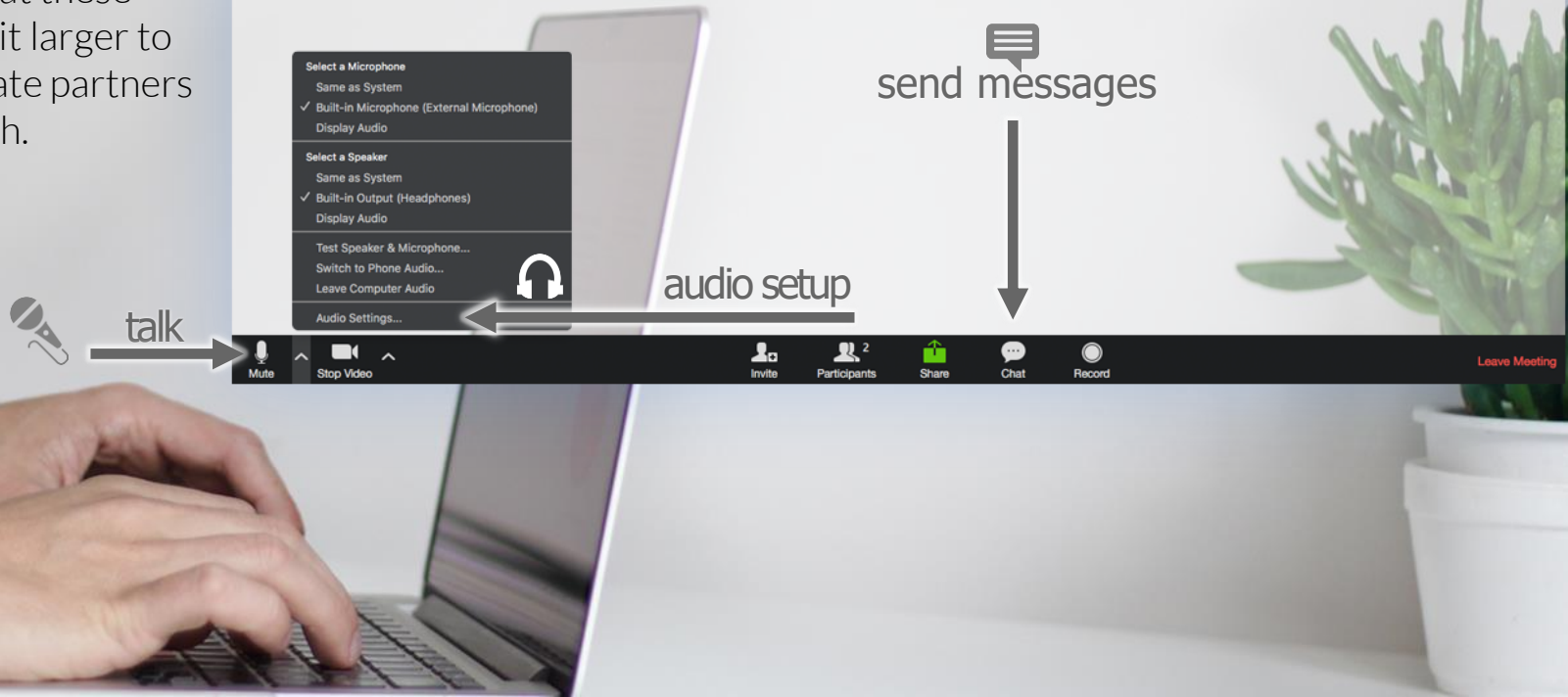
We do not focus on error correction in this class. Please note that these classes are a bit larger to ensure adequate partners to practice with.

How can I interact with the class?

Take a look at how to use your toolbar.

Quick tip: Can't see the toolbar?

Hover your mouse at the bottom of your screen and it will automatically pop up.



The Simple Life

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- identify traditional skills.
- talk about urban gardening.
- discuss living a simpler life.

Warm Up

Answer the questions about the picture below.

Describe what you see in the pictures.

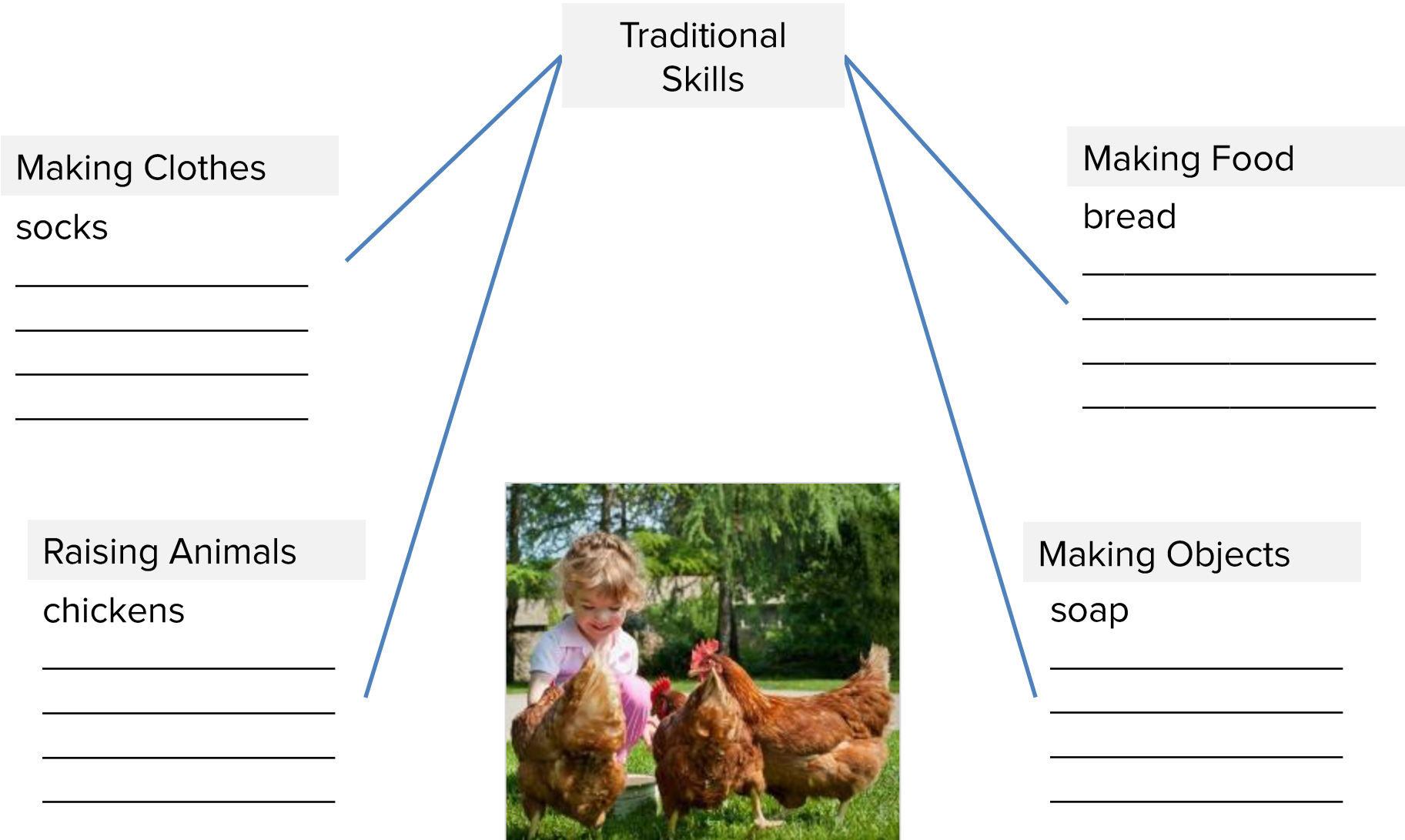
Do these people live in the city or country?

How do you know?



Mind Map

What do you think about when you think of traditional skills? List as many words as you can for each category.



Ranking

Choose the three things you would most like to learn to do. Explain your choices.

make soap

I would like to learn to _____ because...

sew

1.

raise animals

2.

garden

3.

bake

Make a Story

Work with your teacher and classmates to make a story with the picture.

Take turns adding to the story. Explain what happened before, during and after the picture. You have to continue the story from where your classmate stopped.



first, next, then

Idiom

Talk about this idiom with your teacher and classmates and answer the question.

The concrete jungle = a busy, crowded city



Example: I lived in New York City's *concrete jungle* for three years, then I decided to move to the country and raise sheep.
Do you live in a *concrete jungle*? Explain.

Culture Corner

Read the paragraph about culture and discuss.

City gardening is becoming very popular in North America and Europe. Rooftop and balcony gardens are easy to start in an apartment. In London, a store called Farm:Shop is literally a small farm in the middle of the city. There is a garden in Madrid, Spain that grows up the side of a building! These gardens are a nice change from the concrete jungle.

- Have you seen any rooftop or balcony gardens in your neighborhood? Describe.
- Could you grow a rooftop or balcony garden?
- Do you think it's important to make more green space in cities? Why?



Caixa Forum Garden, Madrid, Spain

Phrasal Verbs

Talk about this phrasal verb and answer the question.

To pare down = to reduce, especially objects



Example: We *pared down* our furniture before we moved.
When have you *pared down* your things?

Sign Post

Read the quote and discuss.



"The goal of life: simple, but not empty."

-Terri Guillemets
(American Quote Anthologist, born 1973)

What does this mean to you?

Describe your idea of a simple life.

Act It Out

Choose a role and act it out with a partner.



Role A

1. You have moved to the country to live a simpler life.
2. Talk to your neighbor about life in the country.
3. Ask questions about planting vegetables and raising animals in this region.

Role B

1. You live in a rural area.
2. Answer your neighbor's questions about the region.
3. Welcome your neighbor.

Work Together

Work together with your class to complete the project.

Your group is going to live in the country and sell products from your home. Choose two items and decide what you will do with them. What will you make?



- three sheep
- three chickens
- one cow
- six packs of vegetable seeds
- one sack of flour

Talk About It

Do you think it's important to learn traditional skills? Why or why not?

- Do you know any traditional skills? If so, tell the class about them.
- Do you think life is better in the city or in the country? Why?
- Do you think growing food and raising animals is easy or difficult? Why?

