

WORKSHEET 6

A. There have been markets for hundreds of years but in the last decade a new kind of market has been growing in popularity: farmers' markets.

Listen to a radio programme and take down notes to answer the following questions.

- a) What are the two main rules for people selling at the farmers' market?
- b) What reasons do people give for shopping at the farmers' market?
- c) How does a farmer view the farmers' markets?

Note:

- *Produce* = food that is sold
- *Banter* = friendly conversation and gossip
- *Rapport* = relationship with other people

B. Work in groups. Do you like going food shopping in the local market or the supermarket? Justify your opinion.

The following prompts will help you.

- Fresh
- Organic
- Seasonal
- Tastes better
- Affordable
- Variety
- Supports local economies
- Better for the environment
- Social



C. What makes markets great social and cultural places?

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No matter where you are in Barcelona, you are never more than 10 minutes from a market. When asked about the role of markets in the city, one resident said, “The market is the symbol of centrality. It is as important as a school. It’s a public space that guarantees public activity.”

Re-imagined as more complete places, markets make it easier for residents to connect with their neighbors, especially when markets are located near other public services such as health care centers, libraries, and schools. Traditional public markets are about so much more than food. They are, like the cities that they support, about people. They are some of our most vital public spaces.

Based on information from this paragraph and the listening text about farmers’ markets, think about the following question:

- What is the role of local markets? Are they economic spaces only? What makes them social and cultural spaces?

Work on your own. Write your ideas on a post-it paper and post your notes on a class poster.

- Read the ideas of your classmates.
- Note the most important ideas of the whole class.