



Windmills -

ESL Discussion Questions

1. What is a windmill? What does it do?
2. Have you ever visited a windmill? When? Why?
What did it look / feel / sound / smell like?
3. Would you live in a converted windmill? Would you be happy to have a wind farm near your home?
4. What is your favourite windmill? Why do you like it?
What is your least favourite windmill? Why?
5. Do you prefer windmills or wind turbines? Why?
What are their functions? Describe, then compare them.
6. Do offshore windfarms spoil the natural landscape?
7. Would you rather your home were powered by wind power, gas, or nuclear energy? Why?
8. Why are windmills and wind turbines designed as they are? Can you create a completely new windmill design?
9. What would we do without windmills and wind turbines?
Would the world be better or worse off?
10. What does the idiom 'to have a millstone around your neck' mean? What about 'all grist to the mill'?
11. If you had to choose between no more windmills or no more turbines, which would you choose? Why?
12. What does it mean to be 'tilting at windmills'?
(Don Quixote) Have you ever done that?