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Level 1 – 10th February, 2022

Fast fashion is harming the environment

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220210-fast-fashion-1.html>

Environmentalists are worried about fast fashion. Lots of cheap clothes are having a negative effect on the environment. Companies make 100 billion items of clothing every year. This will grow by 60 per cent by 2030. Many clothes are not recycled and go to landfills. In addition, chemicals used to make clothes cause problems. They damage the health of people working in clothes factories. These include children who make many of the clothes.

People used to go to stores and try clothes on. They took time before they bought clothes and wore them for longer. Today, if people don't like the clothes they buy, they take them back. Some people buy clothes and never wear them. We have a throwaway society. A media company wrote: "Every year in Europe, four million tons of clothing ends up in the trash. Less than one per cent of this is recycled." This is not sustainable.

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/fast-fashion-the-shady-world-of-cheap-clothing/a-60351403>
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<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-60249712>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Environmentalists are | a. landfills |
| 2. Lots of cheap | b. on the environment |
| 3. having a negative effect | c. by 60 per cent |
| 4. 100 billion items | d. make clothes |
| 5. This will grow | e. worried |
| 6. Many clothes are | f. of clothing |
| 7. go to | g. clothes |
| 8. chemicals used to | h. not recycled |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. People used to | a. up in the trash |
| 2. try | b. wear them |
| 3. wore them | c. sustainable |
| 4. people buy clothes and never | d. tons |
| 5. four million | e. for longer |
| 6. clothing ends | f. this is recycled |
| 7. Less than one per cent of | g. go to stores |
| 8. This is not | h. clothes on |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220210-fast-fashion-1.html>

Environmentalists (1) _____ fast fashion. Lots of cheap clothes are having a (2) _____ the environment. Companies make 100 billion items of clothing every year. This (3) _____ 60 per cent by 2030. Many clothes are not recycled and (4) _____. In addition, chemicals used to make (5) _____. They damage the health of people working in clothes factories. These include children (6) _____ of the clothes.

People used to go to stores and (7) _____. They took time before they bought clothes (8) _____ for longer. Today, if people don't like the clothes they buy, they (9) _____. Some people buy clothes and never wear them. We have (10) _____. A media company wrote: "Every year in Europe, four million tons of (11) _____ in the trash. Less than one per cent of this is recycled." This (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FAST FASHION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220210-fast-fashion-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about fast fashion in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

