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**Level 6 – 17th July 2023**

## France to pay people to repair their clothes

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

In this age of consumerism, we unnecessarily discard millions of tons of clothes every year. A lot of these items are as good as new. Some may be a little threadbare or miss a button or two. France has come up with a new scheme to encourage people to increase the longevity of their apparel. The government will pay a "repair bonus" to people who get their garments repaired at special repair workshops, or take their shoes to a cobbler. The bonus allows individuals to claim back up to \$27 of the cost of their repair bill. The scheme will be run by an eco-organization called Refashion. The government said the goals of its new initiative are "to support those who carry out repairs" and help the environment.

An estimated 700,000 tons of clothing are thrown away in France every year. Around two-thirds of this ends up in landfills. Furthermore, the global fashion industry accounts for between 8-10 per cent of global carbon emissions every year. The emergence of fast fashion has exacerbated this. Fast fashion is the practice of purchasing cheap clothes to wear just a few times. It utilizes a lot of synthetic materials and chemicals, which harm the environment. The Refashion group also aims to encourage people to reduce the amount of clothing they buy, and to donate unwanted clothes and footwear to charity. It says over half of donations can be reused, and a third can be recycled into something new.

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<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/jul/12/stitch-in-time-france-to-help-pay-for-clothes-to-be-mended-to-cut-waste>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast\\_fashion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_fashion)

# WARM-UPS

**1. CLOTHES REPAIRS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about clothes repairs. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

consumerism / clothes / button / scheme / government / repair / bonus / goals /  
landfills / fashion / carbon / emissions / synthetic / chemicals / environment / charity

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. TEN YEARS:** Students A **strongly** believe we should all wear our clothes for at least ten years; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. REPAIRS:** What repairs might these things need? How good are you at repairing these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Repairs	How Good You Are
Shirts		
Socks		
Shoes		
Cars		
Bags		
Toys		

**5. CONSUMERISM:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "consumerism". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. WASTE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the worst examples of waste in our society at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Discarded clothes
- Uneaten food
- Lights left on
- Our life
- Money
- Water
- Paper
- Talent

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. consumerism | a. Clothing.   |
| 2. discard     | b. An act or strategy intended to resolve a difficulty or improve a situation. |
| 3. threadbare  | c. The obsession of society with the buying things.                            |
| 4. longevity   | d. Get rid of someone or something as no longer being useful or desirable.     |
| 5. apparel     | e. Long life.  |
| 6. cobbler     | f. A person whose job is repairing shoes.                                      |
| 7. initiative  | g. Becoming thin and ragged with age.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. landfill     | h. Give money or goods for a good cause.                                     |
| 9. emissions    | i. Made by chemical processes, especially to imitate a natural product.      |
| 10. emergence   | j. Made a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse.                 |
| 11. exacerbated | k. An area used for disposing of or burying waste.                           |
| 12. synthetic   | l. An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need. |
| 13. donate      | m. The production and discharge of something, especially gas or radiation.   |
| 14. charity     | n. The process of coming into existence or prominence.                       |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says it's a necessity to discard tons of clothing. **T / F**
2. Some discarded clothes are missing just one or two buttons. **T / F**
3. France's clothes repair scheme is only for bills of above \$27. **T / F**
4. France's government wants to support repair workshops and cobblers. **T / F**
5. Around 700,000 tons of clothing are thrown away annually worldwide. **T / F**
6. Global fashion is responsible for 8-10% of the world's carbon emissions. **T / F**
7. Fast fashion is making emissions worse. **T / F**
8. Half of clothes donated to charity can be recycled into something new. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>age</b>          | a. approximate  |
| 2. <b>discard</b>      | b. artificial   |
| 3. <b>threadbare</b>   | c. scheme       |
| 4. <b>garments</b>     | d. worn / tatty |
| 5. <b>initiative</b>   | e. makes up     |
| 6. <b>estimated</b>    | f. dispose of   |
| 7. <b>accounts for</b> | g. contribute   |
| 8. <b>emergence</b>    | h. clothes      |
| 9. <b>synthetic</b>    | i. appearance   |
| 10. <b>donate</b>      | j. era          |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. In this age of                   | a. footwear to charity        |
| 2. A lot of these items are         | b. longevity of their apparel |
| 3. encourage people to increase the | c. the amount of clothing     |
| 4. The bonus allows individuals to  | d. of its new initiative      |
| 5. the goals                        | e. as good as new             |
| 6. The emergence of fast fashion    | f. materials                  |
| 7. synthetic                        | g. donations can be reused    |
| 8. encourage people to reduce       | h. consumerism                |
| 9. donate unwanted clothes and      | i. has exacerbated this       |
| 10. It says over half of            | j. claim back up to \$27      |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

In this age of (1) \_\_\_\_\_, we unnecessarily (2) \_\_\_\_\_ millions of tons of clothes every year. A lot of these items are as good as new. Some may be a little (3) \_\_\_\_\_ or miss a button or two. France has come up with a new scheme to encourage people to increase the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of their apparel. The government will pay a "repair bonus" to people who get their (5) \_\_\_\_\_ repaired at special repair workshops, or take their shoes to a cobbler. The bonus allows (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to claim back up to \$27 of the cost of their repair bill. The scheme will be (7) \_\_\_\_\_ by an eco-organization called Refashion. The government said the goals of its new (8) \_\_\_\_\_ are "to support those who carry out repairs" and help the environment.

An (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 700,000 tons of clothing are thrown away in France every year. Around two-thirds of this ends up in (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Furthermore, the global fashion industry accounts for between 8-10 per cent of global carbon (11) \_\_\_\_\_ every year. The emergence of fast fashion has (12) \_\_\_\_\_ this. Fast fashion is the practice of purchasing cheap clothes to wear just a few times. It utilizes a lot of (13) \_\_\_\_\_ materials and chemicals, which harm the environment. The Refashion group also aims to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ people to reduce the amount of clothing they buy, and to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ unwanted clothes and footwear to charity. It says over half of (16) \_\_\_\_\_ can be reused, and a third can be recycled into something new.

*longevity*

*individuals*

*initiative*

*discard*

*garments*

*consumerism*

*run*

*threadbare*

*donations*

*estimated*

*encourage*

*emissions*

*synthetic*

*donate*

*landfills*

*exacerbated*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) In this age of consumerism, we unnecessarily discard millions of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tins of clothes
  - b. tons of clothes
  - c. terms of clothes
  - d. tans of clothes
- 2) A lot of these items are as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. good as newt
  - b. good as news
  - c. good as new
  - d. good as anew
- 3) France has come up with a new scheme to encourage people to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. increase the longevity
  - b. increase the long gravity
  - c. increase the long jeopardy
  - d. increase the long japers
- 4) The government will pay a "repair bonus" to people who get \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their garments repaired
  - b. their gourmets repaired
  - c. their Germans repaired
  - d. their garbage repaired
- 5) The government said the goals of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. initiative
  - b. innit shift
  - c. initiation
  - d. inner shift
- 6) Around two-thirds of this ends \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. up in landfalls
  - b. up in land files
  - c. up in land flies
  - d. up in landfills
- 7) the global fashion industry accounts for between 8-10 per cent of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. global carbon emission
  - b. global carbon emitting
  - c. global carbon emissaries
  - d. global carbon remissions
- 8) the practice of purchasing cheap clothes to wear just \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a flu times
  - b. a phew times
  - c. afar times
  - d. a few times
- 9) It utilizes a lot of synthetic materials and chemicals, which \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. farm the environment
  - b. calm the environment
  - c. harm the environment
  - d. pharm the environment
- 10) donate unwanted clothes and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. feet wear to charity
  - b. footwear too charity
  - c. footwear two charity
  - d. footwear to charity

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

In (1) \_\_\_\_\_ consumerism, we unnecessarily discard millions of tons of clothes every year. A lot of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ as good as new. Some may be a little threadbare or miss a (3) \_\_\_\_\_. France has come up with a new scheme to encourage people to increase the longevity of their apparel. The government will pay a "repair bonus" to people who (4) \_\_\_\_\_ repaired at special repair workshops, or take their shoes to a cobbler. The bonus allows individuals to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to \$27 of the cost of their repair bill. The scheme will be run by an eco-organization called Refashion. The government said the goals of (6) \_\_\_\_\_ are "to support those who carry out repairs" and help the environment.

An estimated 700,000 tons of clothing (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in France every year. Around two-thirds of this ends (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Furthermore, the global fashion industry accounts for between 8-10 per cent of global carbon emissions every year. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ fashion has exacerbated this. Fast fashion is the practice of purchasing cheap clothes to wear just a few times. It utilizes a lot (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and chemicals, which harm the environment. The Refashion group also aims to encourage people to reduce the amount of clothing they buy, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ unwanted clothes and footwear to charity. It says over (12) \_\_\_\_\_ can be reused, and a third can be recycled into something new.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

1. What age is mentioned in the opening sentence of the article?
2. What does the article say clothes might be missing one or two of?
3. What will France's government pay to people who get clothes repaired?
4. What is the most people will be able to claim back for repairs?
5. What's the name of the organization that will run the scheme?
6. How much of the clothes thrown away in France end up in landfills?
7. How much of the world's carbon emissions is fashion responsible for?
8. According to the article, how many times do people wear fast fashion?
9. What kind of materials does fast fashion use?
10. What proportion of the clothes that are donated to charity are reused?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

- 1) What age is mentioned in the opening sentence of the article?
  - a) communism
  - b) commercialism
  - c) commiserations
  - d) consumerism
- 2) What does the article say clothes might be missing one or two of?
  - a) zips
  - b) buttons
  - c) hems
  - d) stitches
- 3) What will France's government pay to people who get clothes repaired?
  - a) compliments
  - b) cash
  - c) a repair bonus
  - d) attention
- 4) What is the most people will be able to claim back for repairs?
  - a) \$27
  - b) \$26
  - c) \$25
  - d) \$24
- 5) What's the name of the organization that will run the scheme?
  - a) Rashion
  - b) Fashion-R
  - c) Refashion
  - d) R-Fashion
- 6) How much of the clothes thrown away in France end up in landfills?
  - a) around seven-eighths
  - b) around two-thirds
  - c) around three-hundredths
  - d) around five-sixths
- 7) How much of the world's carbon emissions is fashion responsible for?
  - a) between 5-7%
  - b) between 6-8%
  - c) between 7-9%
  - d) between 8-10%
- 8) According to the article, how many times do people wear fast fashion?
  - a) just a few times
  - b) four times
  - c) several times
  - d) numerous times
- 9) What kind of materials does fast fashion use?
  - a) novel materials
  - b) natural materials
  - c) synthetic materials
  - d) recycled materials
- 10) What proportion of the clothes that are donated to charity are reused?
  - a) exactly half
  - b) over half
  - c) just under half
  - d) around half

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

## **Role A – Clothing**

You think clothing is the thing we should never waste. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it's OK to waste their things. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic to waste of these (and why): food, water or energy.

## **Role B – Food**

You think food is the thing we should never waste. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it's OK to waste their things. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic to waste of these (and why): clothes, water or energy.

## **Role C – Water**

You think water is the thing we should never waste. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it's OK to waste their things. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic to waste of these (and why): food, clothes or energy.

## **Role D – Energy**

You think energy is the thing we should never waste. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it's OK to waste their things. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic to waste of these (and why): food, water or clothes.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'repair' and 'recycle'.

<b>repair</b>	<b>recycle</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• age</li><li>• miss</li><li>• come</li><li>• pay</li><li>• run</li><li>• goals</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• thrown</li><li>• ends</li><li>• practice</li><li>• lot</li><li>• reduce</li><li>• half</li></ul>
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# CLOTHES REPAIRS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

Write five GOOD questions about clothes repairs 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.

# CLOTHES REPAIRS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'repair'?
3. What do you think of consumerism?
4. How often do you throw clothes away?
5. Should we all repair our clothes when they become worse for wear?
6. What item of clothing have you had longest?
7. Would you like to get a 'repair bonus'?
8. How important is fashion to you?
9. What damage does the clothing industry do to the environment?
10. How good are you at sewing on buttons and patches?

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# CLOTHES REPAIRS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'clothes'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How do you feel about the millions of tons of discarded clothing?
15. Should discarded clothing end up in landfills?
16. What do you think of fast fashion?
17. How can the fashion industry become more environmentally friendly?
18. Should we all donate our old clothes to charity?
19. Should we all buy second-hand clothes?
20. What questions would you like to ask a fast fashion fan?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

In this (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of consumerism, we unnecessarily discard millions of tons of clothes every year. A lot of these items are as good as (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Some may be a little threadbare or miss a button or (3) \_\_\_\_\_. France has come up with a new scheme to encourage people to increase the longevity of their (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The government will pay a "repair bonus" to people who get their garments repaired at special repair workshops, or take their shoes to a cobbler. The bonus allows individuals to claim back up to \$27 of the cost of their repair (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The scheme will be run by an eco-organization called Refashion. The government said the goals of its new initiative are "to support those who (6) \_\_\_\_\_ out repairs" and help the environment.

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |                |                |                |
|-----|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) agent     | (b) aghast     | (c) age        | (d) ageism     |
| 2.  | (a) new       | (b) OK         | (c) old        | (d) gold       |
| 3.  | (a) two       | (b) ten        | (c) dozen      | (d) few        |
| 4.  | (a) apparel   | (b) apparent   | (c) apparition | (d) apparatus  |
| 5.  | (a) bob       | (b) bill       | (c) ray        | (d) pat        |
| 6.  | (a) take      | (b) convey     | (c) shift      | (d) carry      |
| 7.  | (a) starts    | (b) lasts      | (c) ends       | (d) eventually |
| 8.  | (a) by        | (b) at         | (c) on         | (d) of         |
| 9.  | (a) practice  | (b) occupation | (c) drill      | (d) dummy run  |
| 10. | (a) synthetic | (b) syntactic  | (c) synth      | (d) synthesis  |
| 11. | (a) cloth     | (b) clothing   | (c) clothe     | (d) clots      |
| 12. | (a) onto      | (b) up to      | (c) into       | (d) unto       |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. In this age of isnmrocuems
2. discard sillinom of tons of clothes
3. Some may be a little rhaetrdaeb
4. increase the golenyity of their apparel
5. people who get their ntamergs repaired
6. the goals of its new iiaitinevt

## Paragraph 2

7. An detesamti 700,000 tons of clothing
8. two-thirds of this ends up in lfindalls
9. global carbon mnoissie
10. fast fashion has rbteaedxaec this
11. a lot of stnhcyite materials
12. over half of nsdnitooa

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) In this age of consumerism, we unnecessarily discard millions of tons of clothes every year. A lot of
- ( ) to charity. It says over half of donations can be reused, and a third can be recycled into something new.
- ( ) of this ends up in landfills. Furthermore, the global fashion industry accounts for between 8-10 per cent of global
- ( ) An estimated 700,000 tons of clothing are thrown away in France every year. Around two-thirds
- ( ) these items are as good as new. Some may be a little threadbare or miss a button or two. France has come
- ( ) the practice of purchasing cheap clothes to wear just a few times. It utilizes a lot of synthetic materials and
- ( ) up with a new scheme to encourage people to increase the longevity of their apparel. The government will
- ( ) pay a "repair bonus" to people who get their garments repaired at special repair workshops, or take their
- ( ) reduce the amount of clothing they buy, and to donate unwanted clothes and footwear
- ( ) bill. The scheme will be run by an eco-organization called Refashion. The government said the
- ( ) shoes to a cobbler. The bonus allows individuals to claim back up to \$27 of the cost of their repair
- ( ) goals of its new initiative are "to support those who carry out repairs" and help the environment.
- ( ) carbon emissions every year. The emergence of fast fashion has exacerbated this. Fast fashion is
- ( ) chemicals, which harm the environment. The Refashion group also aims to encourage people to

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

1. tons millions discard clothes . of of We unnecessarily
2. of are Lots new . these good as as
3. government pay repair will The bonus . a
4. repair repaired workshops . their Get at special garments
5. support are to initiative those . goals of The its
6. thrown clothing in Tons are of away France .
7. emergence fashion of this. fast The has exacerbated
8. people clothing . reduce to the amount of Encourage
9. be reused . Over of half can donations
10. new . third recycled into something can be A

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs.html>

In this age of *consumerism / consumers*, we unnecessarily discard millions of tons of clothes every year. A lot of *them / these* items are as good as new. Some may be a little threadbare or *miss / mess* a button or *too / two*. France has come up with a new scheme to encourage people to increase the longevity of their *apparel / apparatus*. The government will pay a "repair bonus" to people who get their *garments / gourmets* repaired at special repair workshops, or take their shoes to a *gobbler / cobbler*. The bonus allows individuals to *claim / clammer* back up to \$27 of the cost of their repair bill. The scheme will be run *of / by* an eco-organization called Refashion. The government said the goals of its new initiative are "to support those who carry *on / out* repairs" and help the environment.

An *estimated / esteemed* 700,000 tons of clothing are thrown away in France every year. Around two-thirds of this ends *down / up* in landfills. Furthermore, the global fashion industry *reports / accounts* for between 8-10 per cent of global carbon *remissions / emissions* every year. The emergence of fast fashion has exacerbated *these / this*. Fast fashion is the practice of purchasing cheap *cloths / clothes* to wear just a few times. It utilizes a lot of synthetic materials and chemicals, which harm the environment. The Refashion group also aims to *discourage / encourage* people to reduce the amount of clothing *we / they* buy, and to donate unwanted clothes and footwear *to / in* charity. It says over half of donations can be *refused / reused*, and a third can be recycled into something new.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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millions of tons of clothes every year. In fact, this  
amount is growing so fast. Some may be a little  
thrilled by the mass buttons and ties. France has  
a plan with a new scheme to encourage people to  
recycle their clothing by offering a 10% discount. The  
government will pay "repair bills" to people who  
get their garments repaired at special repair  
workshops, or take their shoes to a cobbler. The  
bills will include the cost of the repair. The scheme will be run  
by a new organization called Refresh. The  
government said that the goal is to encourage people to  
"support their clothes and help the  
environment."

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few times. It utilizes a lot of synthetic materials  
and chemicals, which harm the environment. The  
Refresh group aims to encourage people to  
reduce their amount of clothing they buy, and to  
donate unwanted clothes and furniture to charity. The  
system will help fund donations that can be reused, and  
third parties can be recycled into something new.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CLOTHES REPAIRS:** Make a poster about clothes repairs. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TEN-YEAR RULE:** Write a magazine article about making all of us keep and wear all our clothes for at least ten years. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on clothes repairs. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on repairing clothes. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. d    3. g    4. e    5. a    6. f    7. b  
8. k    9. m    10. n    11. j    12. i    13. h    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 T    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. f	3. d	4. h	5. c
6. a	7. e	8. i	9. b	10. g

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Consumerism
2. Buttons
3. A repair bonus
4. \$27
5. Refashion
6. Around two-thirds
7. Between 8-10%
8. Just a few
9. Synthetic materials
10. Over half

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. We unnecessarily discard millions of tons of clothes.
2. Lots of these are as good as new.
3. The government will pay a repair bonus.
4. Get their garments repaired at special repair workshops.
5. The goals of its initiative are to support those.
6. Tons of clothing are thrown away in France.
7. The emergence of fast fashion has exacerbated this.
8. Encourage people to reduce the amount of clothing.
9. Over half of donations can be reused.
10. A third can be recycled into something new.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d    2. b    3. c    4. a    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. a    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)