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**Level 2 – 10th February, 2022**

## Fast fashion is harming the environment

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220210-fast-fashion-2.html>

Environmentalists are worrying about how fast fashion affects the environment. Fast fashion is producing lots of clothes at a low cost. They are put in shops quickly to create a high demand. Companies make 100 billion items of clothing every year. This will grow by 60 per cent by 2030. Fast fashion is having a negative effect on the environment. Many clothes end up in landfills and are not recycled. In addition, the chemicals used to make the clothes cause problems. These damage the health of people working in clothes factories, including children who make many of the clothes.

The way people buy clothes is adding to the problem. People used to go to stores and try clothes on. People took time before they bought clothes. They also wore them for longer. Today, people buy cheap clothes and if they don't like them, they take them back. This is creating a throwaway society. Some people buy clothes and never wear them. The German company Deutsche Welle wrote: "Every year in Europe, four million tons of clothing ends up in the trash. Less than one per cent of this is recycled." It seems the fashion industry is not so sustainable.

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/fast-fashion-the-shady-world-of-cheap-clothing/a-60351403>  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-10-04/charities-spending-millions-cleaning-up-fast-fashion-graveyard/10328758>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-60249712>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220210-fast-fashion-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Environmentalists are     | a. of clothing        |
| 2. how fast fashion affects  | b. demand             |
| 3. producing lots of clothes | c. up in landfills    |
| 4. create a high             | d. the environment    |
| 5. 100 billion items         | e. on the environment |
| 6. having a negative effect  | f. worrying           |
| 7. Many clothes end          | g. of people          |
| 8. These damage the health   | h. at a low cost      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. People used to               | a. back                  |
| 2. They also wore them          | b. this is recycled      |
| 3. they take them               | c. never wear them       |
| 4. This is creating a throwaway | d. for longer            |
| 5. Some people buy clothes and  | e. is not so sustainable |
| 6. tons of clothing ends        | f. society               |
| 7. Less than one per cent of    | g. go to stores          |
| 8. the fashion industry         | h. up in the trash       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220210-fast-fashion-2.html>

Environmentalists are worrying (1) \_\_\_\_\_ fashion affects the environment. Fast fashion (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of clothes at a low cost. They are put in shops quickly to create a high demand. Companies make 100 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ clothing every year. This will grow by 60 per cent by 2030. Fast fashion is having a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment. Many clothes end up in landfills and are not recycled. In addition, the chemicals used to make the (5) \_\_\_\_\_. These damage the health of people working in clothes factories, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ make many of the clothes.

The way people buy clothes (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the problem. People used to go to stores and try clothes on. People (8) \_\_\_\_\_ they bought clothes. They also wore them for longer. Today, people buy (9) \_\_\_\_\_ if they don't like them, they take them back. This is creating a throwaway society. Some people buy clothes (10) \_\_\_\_\_ them. The German company Deutsche Welle wrote: "Every year in Europe, four million tons of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in the trash. Less than one per cent of this is recycled." It seems the fashion industry is (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FAST FASHION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220210-fast-fashion-2.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) \_\_\_\_\_

