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**Level 5** – 17th July 2023

## France to pay people to repair their clothes

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs-5.html>

Consumerism means we unnecessarily throw away millions of tons of clothes every year. A lot of these items are like new. Some may be a little worn or miss some buttons. France has come up with a scheme to get people to increase the length of their clothes' life. It will pay people a "repair bonus" for getting their clothes and shoes repaired at special workshops or cobblers. Individuals can get back up to \$27 of the cost of repairs. The scheme is run by the eco-organization Refashion. Its goals are "to support those who carry out repairs" and help the environment.

Around 700,000 tons of clothing are thrown away in France every year. Two-thirds of this ends up in landfills. Furthermore, the world's fashion industry creates 8-10 per cent of global carbon emissions. The rise of fast fashion has worsened this. Fast fashion is the purchasing of cheap clothes to wear a few times. It uses a lot of synthetic materials and chemicals, which harm the environment. Refashion wants people to cut the amount of clothing they buy, and to donate unwanted clothes and footwear to charity. These will be reused or recycled.

Sources: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20230712-france-to-pay-bonus-for-shoe-clothes-repairs-to-cut-waste-1>  
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast\\_fashion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_fashion)

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. throw away                   | a. to \$27 of the cost |
| 2. A lot of these items         | b. buttons             |
| 3. Some may be a little         | c. bonus               |
| 4. miss some                    | d. repairs             |
| 5. increase the length of their | e. are like new        |
| 6. It will pay people a repair  | f. clothes' life       |
| 7. get back up                  | g. millions of tons    |
| 8. carry out                    | h. worn                |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Two-thirds of this ends              | a. of cheap clothes     |
| 2. global carbon                        | b. reused or recycled   |
| 3. The rise of fast fashion             | c. and chemicals        |
| 4. the purchasing                       | d. up in landfills      |
| 5. It uses a lot of synthetic materials | e. footwear to charity  |
| 6. cut the amount                       | f. emissions            |
| 7. donate unwanted clothes and          | g. of clothing they buy |
| 8. These will be                        | h. has worsened this    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs-5.html>

Consumerism means we unnecessarily (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of tons of clothes every year. A lot (2) \_\_\_\_\_ are like new. Some may be a little worn or (3) \_\_\_\_\_. France has come up with a scheme to get people to increase the length of their clothes' life. It will pay people (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for getting their clothes and shoes repaired at special workshops or cobblers. Individuals can (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to \$27 of the cost of repairs. The scheme is run by the eco-organization Refashion. Its goals are "to support those who (6) \_\_\_\_\_" and help the environment.

Around 700,000 (7) \_\_\_\_\_ are thrown away in France every year. Two-thirds of this ends (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Furthermore, the world's fashion industry creates 8-10 per cent of (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The rise of fast fashion has worsened this. Fast fashion is the purchasing of cheap clothes to wear a few times. It uses a lot (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and chemicals, which harm the environment. Refashion wants people to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of clothing they buy, and to donate unwanted clothes and footwear to charity. These will be (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CLOTHES REPAIRS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs-4.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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

