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Fast fashion is harming the environment

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THE ARTICLE

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

Environmentalists are getting more worried about the effects of fast fashion on the environment. Fast fashion is the mass production of clothes at a low cost. They are put in shops and online quickly to create a high demand. Manufacturers make 100 billion items of clothing every year. This is expected to grow by 60 per cent by 2030. The fast fashion business model is having a negative effect on the environment. Many of the clothes end up in landfills and are not recycled. Another negative effect on the environment is caused by the chemicals used to make the clothes. These cause health problems for people working in clothes factories. There are reports children make many of these clothes.

The way people are buying clothes is adding to the problem of clothing waste. Many years ago, people went to stores and tried clothes on. People took more time and thought more carefully before they bought clothes. They also wore them for longer. Today, people order cheap clothes on the Internet and if they don't like them, they send them back. Some people say this is causing a throwaway society. Some people buy clothes and never even wear them. The German media 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>

WARM-UPS

1. FAST FASHION: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about fast fashion. 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?

environmentalist / fast fashion / mass production / clothing / negative / chemicals / waste / cheap / Internet / throwaway / media / society / trash / recycled / industry

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

3. 10 YEARS: Students A **strongly** believe we should all try to wear clothes we buy for at least 10 years; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: How bad are these problems? How can we reduce them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Bad	Solutions
Human waste		
Overpopulation		
Biodiversity loss		
Deforestation		
Desertification		
Pollution		

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

6. FASHION: Rank these with your partner. Put the most serious issues concerning fast fashion at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Water usage
- Poisonous dyes
- Plastic microfibres
- Overconsumption
- Landfills
- Child labour
- Waste
- Energy consumption

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. effect | a. Making large amounts of something by using machines. |
| 2. mass production | b. A person or company that makes things to sell. |
| 3. demand | c. A change that is because of an earlier action. |
| 4. manufacturer | d. A large area in which trash is put. |
| 5. expected | e. Thought something would happen. |
| 6. landfill | f. A building or group of buildings where things are made by machine. |
| 7. factory | g. The amount of things asked for by people who want to buy things. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. waste | h. Able to be kept going at a certain rate or level. |
| 9. try on | i. Changed something that was unwanted or thrown away into something else. |
| 10. society | j. Look so. |
| 11. recycled | k. Unwanted things that are thrown away. |
| 12. seem | l. Put on an item of clothing to see if the size is OK. |
| 13. industry | m. Economic activity of a particular area (e.g. health, tourism, car making...). |
| 14. sustainable | n. All of the people living together in a country. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. Environmentalists are worried about fast and slow fashion. **T / F**
2. Clothes makers make 100 billion items of clothing annually. **T / F**
3. Fast fashion will be 60% bigger by the end of this decade. **T / F**
4. No children are involved in making clothes any more. **T / F**
5. Fast fashion has changed people's shopping habits. **T / F**
6. People used to take their time when they shopped for clothes. **T / F**
7. The article says we all buy clothes that we never wear. **T / F**
8. Less than 1% of clothes thrown away in Europe are recycled. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. worried | a. create |
| 2. production | b. impact |
| 3. items | c. disposable |
| 4. effect | d. manufacturing |
| 5. cause | e. inexpensive |
| 6. bought | f. finishes |
| 7. cheap | g. concerned |
| 8. throwaway | h. purchased |
| 9. ends up | i. reused |
| 10. recycled | j. articles |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the mass | a. for longer |
| 2. This is expected to grow by | b. on the environment |
| 3. a negative effect | c. production of clothes |
| 4. the chemicals used to | d. clothing waste |
| 5. children make | e. 60 per cent by 2030 |
| 6. adding to the problem of | f. so sustainable |
| 7. They also wore them | g. many of these clothes |
| 8. this is causing a throwaway | h. up in the trash |
| 9. four million tons of clothing ends | i. make the clothes |
| 10. the fashion industry is not | j. society |

GAP FILL

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

Environmentalists are getting more (1) _____ about the effects of fast fashion on the environment. Fast fashion is the (2) _____ production of clothes at a low (3) _____. They are put in shops and online quickly to create a high demand. Manufacturers make 100 billion items of clothing every year. This is (4) _____ to grow by 60 per cent by 2030. The fast fashion business model is having a negative (5) _____ on the environment. Many of the clothes end up in landfills and are not (6) _____. Another negative effect on the environment is caused by the (7) _____ used to make the clothes. These cause health problems for people working in clothes factories. There are reports (8) _____ make many of these clothes.

recycled
worried
effect
mass
children
cost
chemicals
expected

The way people are buying clothes is (9) _____ to the problem of clothing waste. Many years ago, people went to stores and tried clothes on. People took more time and thought more (10) _____ before they bought clothes. They also wore them for longer. Today, people (11) _____ cheap clothes on the Internet and if they don't like them, they send them (12) _____. Some people say this is causing a throwaway (13) _____. Some people buy clothes and never even wear (14) _____. The German media company Deutsche Welle wrote: "Every year in Europe, four million tons of clothing (15) _____ up in the trash. Less than one per cent of this is recycled." It seems the fashion industry is not so (16) _____.

carefully
society
sustainable
back
ends
adding
order
them

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Environmentalists are getting more worried _____
 - a. about the affects
 - b. about the infects
 - c. about the insects
 - d. about the effects
- 2) Fast fashion is the mass production of clothes at _____
 - a. allow cost
 - b. a low cost
 - c. tall low cost
 - d. all low cost
- 3) They are put in shops and online quickly to create _____
 - a. a highs demand
 - b. a highly demand
 - c. a hide demand
 - d. a high demand
- 4) effect on the environment. Many of the clothes end _____
 - a. up in landfills
 - b. upping landfills
 - c. upon landfills
 - d. up on landfills
- 5) These cause health problems for people working _____
 - a. in clothe factories
 - b. in close factories
 - c. in cloze factories
 - d. in clothes factories
- 6) The way people are buying clothes is adding to the problem _____
 - a. off clothing waste
 - b. of clothe in waste
 - c. of cloth thin waste
 - d. of clothing waste
- 7) Many years ago, people went to stores and _____
 - a. tried clothes in
 - b. tried clothes on
 - c. tried clothes son
 - d. tried clothes zone
- 8) People took more time and thought more carefully before _____
 - a. them bought clothes
 - b. these bought clothes
 - c. they bought clothes
 - d. their bought clothes
- 9) people order cheap clothes on the Internet and if they don't like them, they _____
 - a. sends them back
 - b. sender them back
 - c. send them back
 - d. sending them back
- 10) It seems the fashion industry is _____
 - a. not sous sustainable
 - b. not sew sustainable
 - c. not sews sustainable
 - d. not so sustainable

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Environmentalists are getting more worried about (1) _____ fast fashion on the environment. Fast fashion is the mass production of clothes (2) _____ cost. They are put in shops and online quickly to create (3) _____. Manufacturers make 100 billion items of clothing every year. This is expected to grow by 60 per cent by 2030. The fast fashion (4) _____ having a negative effect on the environment. Many of the clothes end (5) _____ and are not recycled. Another negative effect on the environment is caused by the chemicals used to make the clothes. These cause health problems for people working (6) _____. There are reports children make many of these clothes.

The way people are buying clothes (7) _____ the problem of clothing waste. Many years ago, people went to stores and tried clothes on. People (8) _____ and thought more carefully before they bought clothes. They also wore (9) _____. Today, people order cheap clothes on the Internet and if they don't like them, they send them back. Some people say this is causing a throwaway society. Some people buy clothes and never (10) _____. The German media company Deutsche Welle wrote: "Every year in Europe, four million (11) _____ ends up in the trash. Less than one per cent of this is recycled." It seems the fashion industry is (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does fast fashion create by putting them in stores quickly?
2. How many items of clothing are made each year?
3. By when will the scale of fast fashion increase by 60%?
4. Who is being affected by chemicals?
5. Who is making many of the fast fashion clothes, according to reports?
6. What is adding to the problem of clothing waste?
7. What did people take when they bought clothes many years ago?
8. What kind of society is being created?
9. Who buys clothes that they never wear?
10. How many clothes that are thrown away in Europe are recycled?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does fast fashion create by putting clothes in stores quickly?
 - a) a mess
 - b) demand
 - c) supply
 - d) high prices
- 2) How many items of clothing are made each year?
 - a) 100 million items
 - b) 100 trillion items
 - c) 100 quadrillion items
 - d) 100 billion items
- 3) By when will the scale of fast fashion increase by 60%?
 - a) by 2030
 - b) by 2040
 - c) by 2025
 - d) by 2035
- 4) Who is being affected by chemicals?
 - a) designers
 - b) all of us
 - c) clothes factory workers
 - d) shop sellers
- 5) Who is making many of the fast fashion clothes, according to reports?
 - a) people in the USA
 - b) children
 - c) robots
 - d) experts
- 6) What is adding to the problem of clothing waste?
 - a) the way we shop
 - b) prices
 - c) demand
 - d) supply
- 7) What did people take when they bought clothes many years ago?
 - a) their children
 - b) chocolate
 - c) their time
 - d) photos
- 8) What kind of society is being created?
 - a) a throwaway society
 - b) a poorer society
 - c) a well-dressed society
 - d) a poorly-dressed society
- 9) Who buys clothes that they never wear?
 - a) some people
 - b) all of us
 - c) teens
 - d) rich people
- 10) How many clothes that are thrown away in Europe are recycled?
 - a) about half
 - b) 100 million
 - c) not that many
 - d) less than 1%

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Poisonous Dyes

You think poisonous dyes are the most serious issue concerning fast fashion. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): plastic microfibres, landfills or child labour.

Role B – Plastic Microfibres

You think plastic microfibres are the most serious issue concerning fast fashion. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): poisonous dyes, landfills or child labour.

Role C – Landfills

You think landfills are the most serious issue concerning fast fashion. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): plastic microfibres, poisonous dyes or child labour.

Role D – Child Labour

You think child labour is the most serious issue concerning fast fashion. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): plastic microfibres, landfills or poisonous dyes.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

fast	fashion
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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">• worried• quickly• 100• 2030• landfills• children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• adding• tried• wore• society• Europe• seems
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FAST FASHION SURVEY

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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.

FAST FASHION 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 'fashion'?
3. What do you think of fashion?
4. What do you think of fast fashion?
5. How important is fashion?
6. How sustainable is fashion?
7. How long do you keep an item of clothing for?
8. Should we wear clothes until they get holes in them?
9. Should we all wear the same clothes?
10. How fashionable are you?

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FAST FASHION 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 'environment'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about fast fashion?
15. What is so wasteful about fashion?
16. What do you think of wearing something just a few times?
17. How can we recycle clothes?
18. Have you ever bought clothes and not worn them?
19. What do you think of buying used clothes?
20. What questions would you like to ask an environmentalist?

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

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Environmentalists are getting more (1) _____ about the effects of fast fashion on the environment. Fast fashion is the (2) _____ production of clothes at a low cost. They are put in shops and online quickly to create a high demand. Manufacturers make 100 billion items of (3) _____ every year. This is expected to grow by 60 per cent by 2030. The fast fashion business (4) _____ is having a negative effect on the environment. Many of the clothes (5) _____ up in landfills and are not recycled. Another negative effect on the environment is caused by the chemicals used to make the clothes. These (6) _____ health problems for people working in clothes factories. There are reports children make many of these clothes.

The way people are buying clothes is adding to the problem of clothing (7) _____. Many years ago, people went to stores and tried clothes on. People took more time and thought more (8) _____ before they bought clothes. They also wore them for longer. Today, people order cheap clothes on the Internet and if they don't like them, they send them (9) _____. Some people say this is causing a throwaway society. Some people buy clothes and never (10) _____ wear them. The German media company Deutsche Welle wrote: "Every year in Europe, four million tons of clothing (10) _____ up in the trash. Less than one per cent of this is recycled." It seems the fashion industry is not (11) _____ sustainable.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) worrier | (b) worrying | (c) worries | (d) worried |
| 2. | (a) lass | (b) pass | (c) ass | (d) mass |
| 3. | (a) cloths | (b) clothing | (c) clothed | (d) clothe |
| 4. | (a) replica | (b) mould | (c) model | (d) guide |
| 5. | (a) pays | (b) owns | (c) ends | (d) loses |
| 6. | (a) cause | (b) consume | (c) grow | (d) compete |
| 7. | (a) paste | (b) waste | (c) baste | (d) caste |
| 8. | (a) carefully | (b) cared | (c) caring | (d) carer |
| 9. | (a) up | (b) back | (c) down | (d) forward |
| 10. | (a) just | (b) also | (c) even | (d) that |
| 11. | (a) starts | (b) ends | (c) goes | (d) comes |
| 12. | (a) huge | (b) there | (c) so | (d) such |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. worried about the eeftscf of fast fashion
2. the mass opuictdonr of clothes
3. create a high dnmeda
4. Many of the clothes end up in lisdnialf
5. caused by the eahlcscim
6. working in clothes iacoerstf

Paragraph 2

7. adding to the problem of clothing aestw
8. thought more lerylafcu
9. before they hugbot clothes
10. a throwaway ticosye
11. one per cent of this is cdcelery
12. the fashion industry is not so abtsilesnau

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () by 60 per cent by 2030. The fast fashion business model is having a negative
- () of this is recycled." It seems the fashion industry is not so sustainable.
- () ago, people went to stores and tried clothes on. People took more time and thought more carefully before they
- () bought clothes. They also wore them for longer. Today, people order cheap clothes on the Internet and if they don't
- () online quickly to create a high demand. Manufacturers make 100 billion items of clothing every year. This is expected to grow
- () even wear them. The German media company Deutsche Welle wrote: "Every year
- () in Europe, four million tons of clothing ends up in the trash. Less than one per cent
- () on the environment is caused by the chemicals used to make the clothes. These cause health
- () effect on the environment. Many of the clothes end up in landfills and are not recycled. Another negative effect
- () like them, they send them back. Some people say this is causing a throwaway society. Some people buy clothes and never
- (**1**) Environmentalists are getting more worried about the effects of fast fashion on the
- () environment. Fast fashion is the mass production of clothes at a low cost. They are put in shops and
- () The way people are buying clothes is adding to the problem of clothing waste. Many years
- () problems for people working in clothes factories. There are reports children make many of these clothes.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. getting worried about effects . are more the Environmentalists
2. of Fast mass the clothes . is fashion production
3. up of clothes in end Many landfills . the
4. health for in factories . people working problems Cause
5. children reports make these . are many of There
6. problem adding It's of to waste . clothing the
7. on clothes people the Internet . order Today cheap
8. society . say People causing this a throwaway is
9. Tons clothing ends in trash . up the of
10. sustainable . is fashion so industry not The

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Environmentalists are getting more *worrying* / *worried* about the effects of fast fashion on the environment. Fast fashion is the *massed* / *mass* production of clothes at a low cost. They are put *in* / *on* shops and online quickly to create a *high* / *low* demand. Manufacturers make 100 billion items of clothing every year. This is expected *to* / *for* grow by 60 per cent by 2030. The fast fashion business model *is* / *be* having a negative effect on the environment. Many of the clothes end *up* / *down* in landfills and are not recycled. Another negative *affect* / *effect* on the environment is caused by the chemicals *useful* / *used* to make the clothes. These cause health problems for people working in clothes factories. There are reports children make many of *them* / *these* clothes.

The *how* / *way* people are buying clothes is adding to the problem of clothing waste. Many years ago, people went to stores and tried clothes *off* / *on*. People took more time and thought more *careful* / *carefully* before they bought clothes. They also *wore* / *worn* them for longer. Today, people order cheap clothes on the Internet and if they don't like *it* / *them*, they send them back. Some people say this is causing a *thrown* / *throwaway* society. Some people buy clothes and never *even* / *evens* wear them. The German media company Deutsche Welle *wrote* / *written*: "Every year in Europe, four million tons of clothing *ends* / *blows* up in the trash. Less than one per cent of this is recycled." It seems the fashion industry is not so *sustain* / *sustainable*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

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

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_ff_cts _f f_st f_sh__n _n th_ _nv_r_nm_nt. F_st
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_nd _r_ n_t r_cycl_d. _n_th_r n_g_t_v_ _ff_ct _n th_
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w_rk_ng _n cl_th_s f_ct_r__s. Th_r_ _r_ r_p_rts
ch_ldr_n m_k_ m_ny _f th_s_ cl_th_s.

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w_nt t_ st_r_s _nd tr__d cl_th_s _n. P__pl_ t__k m_r_
t_m_ _nd th__ght m_r_ c_r_f_lly b_f_r_ th_y b__ght
cl_th_s. Th_y _ls_ w_r_ th_m f_r l_ng_r. T_d_y, p__pl_
_rd_r ch__p cl_th_s _n th_ _nt_rn_t _nd _f th_y d_n't
l_k_ th_m, th_y s_nd th_m b_ck. S_m_ p__pl_ s_y
th_s _s c__s_ng _ thr_w_w_y s_c__ty. S_m_ p__pl_
b_y cl_th_s _nd n_v_r _v_n w__r th_m. Th_ G_rm_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

environmentalists are getting more worried about the effects of fast fashion on the environment fast fashion is the mass production of clothes at a low cost they are put in shops and online quickly to create a high demand manufacturers make 100 billion items of clothing every year this is expected to grow by 60 per cent by 2030 the fast fashion business model is having a negative effect on the environment many of the clothes end up in landfills and are not recycled another negative effect on the environment is caused by the chemicals used to make the clothes these cause health problems for people working in clothes factories there are reports children make many of these clothes

the way people are buying clothes is adding to the problem of clothing waste many years ago people went to stores and tried clothes on people took more time and thought more carefully before they bought clothes they also wore them for longer today people order cheap clothes on the internet and if they dont like them they send them back some people say this is causing a throwaway society some people buy clothes and never even wear them the german media 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

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Environmentalists are getting more worried about the effects of fast fashion on the environment. Fast fashion is the mass production of clothes at a low cost. They are put in shops and online quickly to create a high demand. Manufacturers make 100 billion items of clothing every year. This is expected to grow by 60 percent by 2030. The fast fashion business model has a negative effect on the environment. Many of the clothes end up in landfills and are not recycled. Another negative effect on the environment is caused by the chemicals used to make the clothes. These cause health problems for people working in clothes factories. There are reports of children making many of these clothes. The way people are buying clothes is adding to the problem of clothing waste. Many years ago, people went to stores and tried clothes on. People took more time and thought more carefully before they bought clothes. They also wore them for longer. Today, people order cheap clothes on the Internet and if they don't like them, they send them back. Some people say this is causing a throwaway society. Some people buy clothes and never even wear them. The German media company Deutsche Welle wrote: "Every year in Europe, four million tons of clothing ends up in the trash. Less than one percent of this is recycled." It seems the fashion industry is not so sustainable.

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. FAST FASHION: Make a poster about fast fashion. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. 10-YEAR-RULE: Write a magazine article about all of us making a rule that requires us to wear every item of clothing we buy for 10 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 fast fashion. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can make our clothes last longer. 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. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Demand
2. 100 billion items
3. By 2030
4. Clothes factory workers
5. Children
6. The way we shop
7. Their time
8. A throwaway society
9. Some people
10. Less than 1%

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Environmentalists are getting more worried about the effects.
2. Fast fashion is the mass production of clothes.
3. Many of the clothes end up in landfills.
4. Cause health problems for people working in factories.
5. There are reports children make many of these.
6. It's adding to the problem of clothing waste.
7. Today people order cheap clothes on the Internet.
8. People say this is causing a throwaway society.
9. Tons of clothing ends up in the trash.
10. The fashion industry is not so sustainable.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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