

# In this unit, you will learn about fashion and pollution

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\* Indicates required question

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Learn Vocabulary keyworlds: fashion industry and pollution

Before you read the text learn this vocabulary:

1. consume צורך / يستهلك
2. average ממוצע / معدل
3. garments בגדים / كساء
4. disposable חד פעמי / للاستعمال لمرة واحدة
5. pollution זיהום / تلوث
6. waste פסולת / نفاية
7. release לפלוט / يطلق صراح
8. developing countries מדינות מתפתחות / دول متطورة
9. labor עבודה / صناعة
10. fiber סיב / قماش
11. conscious מודעים / واع
12. donate לתרום / يتبرع

Practice the vocabulary. There are games and a test (Hebrew) [https://quizlet.com/\\_9a2m01?x=1qqt&i=29ruy](https://quizlet.com/_9a2m01?x=1qqt&i=29ruy)

This is in Arabic [https://quizlet.com/\\_9a2mi3?x=1qqt&i=29ruy](https://quizlet.com/_9a2mi3?x=1qqt&i=29ruy)

Read the text and answer the questions below.



## Fast Fashion

Teenagers usually love to go shopping for clothes. Companies convince us to buy clothes that we don't really need so we buy affordable and trendy clothes. This is called Fast fashion. The world consumes<sup>1</sup> 80 billion pieces of new clothing each year. On average<sup>2</sup> we wear fast fashion garments<sup>3</sup> less than five times and keep them for 35 days. Our constant need for new things has changed our outlook on clothes. We no longer buy quality garments but instead buy disposable<sup>4</sup> items which we replace next month.

### Did you know?

1. The clothing industry causes a lot of pollution<sup>5</sup>: it is the second highest pollutant of clean water.
2. It takes 2,700 liters of water to make just one T-shirt.
3. On average people only wear 20% of the clothes they buy.
4. Each American throws to the garbage each year 37 KG. of textile waste<sup>6</sup>. This waste sits in landfills 200 years and releases<sup>7</sup> harmful gases to the environment.
5. Garment factories are opened in developing countries<sup>8</sup> where they use very cheap labor<sup>9</sup>.
6. Coal burned to operate those factories pollutes the air and the toxic waste is created which pollutes the rivers.
7. The most commonly used fiber<sup>10</sup> in our clothing is polyester. It is a synthetic fiber that can take hundreds of years to break down.

### What can we do?

1. We can be more conscious<sup>11</sup> about where our clothes come from, how they are made and where they end up.
2. We can donate<sup>12</sup> clothes, or exchange them.
3. We can use our clothes much more and buy less.

**How can we use the clothes we have more so that we don't have to buy so much of them?**

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<sup>2</sup> average ממוצע / معدل	<sup>6</sup> waste פסולת / نفاية	<sup>10</sup> fiber סיב / قماش
<sup>3</sup> garments בגדים / كساء	<sup>7</sup> release לפלוט / يطلق صراح	<sup>11</sup> conscious מודעים / واع
<sup>4</sup> disposable للاستعمال لمرة / חד פעמי / واحدة	<sup>8</sup> developing countries דול מדינות מתפתחות / منطوره	<sup>12</sup> donate לתרום / يتبرع

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3. 1. Fast fashion is when people buy a lot of clothes that are cheap. \*

10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ True

☐ False

☐ It is not clear

4. 2. People use the clothes they buy many times and then they throw them away.

\* 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ True

☐ False

☐ It is not clear from the text

5. 3. The clothing industry causes a lot of air pollution. It's the second highest pollutant of clean water.

\* 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ True

☐ False

☐ It is not clear from the text

6. 4. The fact that it takes 2700 liters of water to produce just one T-shirt means that \* 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ the clothing industry is very wasteful and pollutant.
- ☐ the clothing industry is not very wasteful and pollutant.
- ☐ the clothing industry can use many more liters of water and that is not a problem.

7. 5. We can infer from the fact that each American throws to the garbage each year 37 KG of textile waste that \* 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ people don't buy a lot of clothes
- ☐ people buy a lot clothes but don't throw them away
- ☐ people buy a lot of clothes that they throw away each year

8. 6. "Garment factories are opened in developing countries where they use very cheap labor" - this means that \* 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ the workers get a fair salary for their work.
- ☐ the workers get a lot of money for their work.
- ☐ the workers do not get a fair salary for their work and probably they don't have enough money to live on.

9. 7. We can conclude that clothes made from Polyester \* 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ are environmentally friendly
- ☐ are harmful to the environment
- ☐ are neither environmentally friendly nor harmful to the environment

10. 8. How can we use the clothes we have more so that we don't have to buy so much of them? (This is a bonus question).

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**Talk to an AI Bot about Fast Fashion (50 students can participate a day)**

In this activity you can talk or write and have a conversation with an AI bot. [Click here.](#)

1. Enter your name.
2. Start speaking by clicking on the microphone (allow your microphone).
3. You can also write.
4. Listen to what the bot tells you (or read what it writes).
5. Ask questions and enjoy having a conversation.

## Speaking

Choose one question and prepare to talk about it in class.

<https://en.islcollective.com/english-esl-worksheets/vocabulary/fashion-clothes/lets-talk-about-fast-fashion/113247>

## Enrichment

Learn more about fashion and pollution:

- [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/problem-fast-fashion\\_n\\_57ebfeafe4b0c2407cdb22c0](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/problem-fast-fashion_n_57ebfeafe4b0c2407cdb22c0)
- <https://www.sustainyourstyle.org/old-environmental-impacts>
- <https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/topics/ethical-fashion/term>
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