



Fast Fashion

The following is a list of videos on the topic of **fast fashion** with questions. Choose a video that is suitable for your class. You don't have to choose all the questions.

The Economist:

- 1. British Council Video (Highly recommended for all levels) https://vimeo.com/371885206
- Why was the green t-shirt happy at the beginning of the story?
- What happened to the other t-shirts that weren't trendy?
- Why did the girl stop wearing the green t-shirt?
- What did the girl do with the green t-shirt after she stopped wearing it?
- Who found the box of old clothes, and what did she do with them?
- What did the green t-shirt become at the end of the story?
- Do you think it's fair that only the trendy clothes were chosen and the others were thrown away? Why or why not?
- What message or lesson do you think the author wants to share through this story?
- If you could turn an old piece of clothing into something new and fun like in the story, what would you create and why?
- Write a story about an item of clothing you used to own.

2. The Cost of Fast Fashion

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLfNUD0-8ts

- How many items are manufactured every year?
- What percentage of discarded clothes are dealt with by sorting plants?
- What is the mission of Rent the Runway?
- What is Patagonia's philosophy?
- What are the different types of the environmental impact of fast fashion?
- What are the solutions to the environmental impact of fast fashion?
- What are the challenges to implementing these solutions?
- Students think for themselves!
- What do you think of the solutions that are presented in the video?
- What are your own thoughts on the environmental impact of fast fashion?
- Can you think of new solutions?





3. BBC

Can Fashion Be Sustainable?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZoiU8sprXpQ

- How do you think our choices in fashion impact the environment?
- What are some ways you can practice sustainable fashion in your daily life?
- Have you ever felt guilty about a fashion purchase? Why or why not?
- In your opinion, what role does creativity play in promoting environmental awareness?
- How can we encourage others to make more environmentally friendly choices in their fashion habits?
- 4. BBC

The Town Turning Waste into Clothes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7i0QMnz4ExY

- What specific materials are commonly recycled in Prato? (e.g., wool, cotton, polyester)
- How does the sorting process work to separate different materials and colors?
- How are the recycled fibers transformed into new yarn and fabric?
- What are the specific environmental benefits of recycling clothing compared to producing new garments?
- How can consumers contribute to a more sustainable fashion industry?

5. BBC

How much water is used to grow cotton?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOe M3GutdY

- What is the woman's reaction when she learns how much water it takes to produce a cotton jacket?
- What does the woman say she will do differently in the future?
- What is the main message of the video?
- How much water does it take to produce a cotton jacket?
- What are the other environmental impacts of cotton production?
- What are some of the things that people can do to reduce their environmental impact?
- Do you agree with the main message of the video?





6. CBS

How Fast Fashion Is Harming the Environment

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTFzLn2y0cM

- What is the average number of clothing items purchased per person per year compared to 18 years ago?
- How long do people typically keep clothing items before disposing of them?
- What role does social media play in driving fast fashion trends and consumer behavior?
- What are the main environmental consequences of fast fashion, such as pollution and waste?
- How does the production of cheap, low-quality clothing impact workers and labor conditions?
- How can consumers make more conscious choices when shopping for clothing?
- What role can brands and retailers play in promoting sustainable fashion practices?
- How can education and awareness campaigns encourage people to adopt more sustainable consumption habits?
- 7. Podcast from 6-Minute-English with handouts

Could You Give Up Fast Fashion?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/features/6-minute-english/ep-200220

- What is fast fashion?
- Why is fast fashion bad for the environment?
- What can people do to help the environment?
- What is the problem with throwing away clothes?
- How often do you buy new clothes?
- Have you ever bought something you only wore once?
- What can you do to reduce your impact on the environment through your clothing choices?