

The problem with fast fashion

WORD FORMATION

1. Type the correct form of the word in brackets to fill the gaps. You can choose from such prefixes as: *un-*, *over-*, and suffixes such as: *-ish*, *-ed*, *-able*, *-y*, *-less*.

a) The dress has a elegance. It will be always in style. (TIME)

b) It has become the most restaurant in the city. It's impossible to book a table there. (FASHION)

c) My grandma has hair and a wardrobe full of old-fashioned dresses and skirts. She should do something about that. (STYLE)

d) My daughter loves to wear clothes. She says they are very comfy. (SIZE)

e) It's difficult to learn how to be elegant and (CLASS)

f) She was wearing a simple dress and a short jacket. (FIT)

2. In pairs, answer the questions below:

- What do you think about **second-hand** clothes? Do you wear them?
- Do you have any **hand-me-downs** pieces that you've received from family or relatives?
- Are you **fashion conscious** and do you know what is **in vogue** all the time?
- Who from your family or friends is a real fashion victim – someone who follows all trends even if they don't suit them?
- What is more important in terms of clothing: quality or quantity?
- Do you ever **donate** clothes to any institutions? Why/why not?







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Glossar garment - a piece of clothing **VIDEO & DISCUSSION** contaminate, pollute - make dirty textile - cloth 3. Read the guiz and tick your answers: *a*, *b* or *c*. labour - workers log - cut down 1. How many pieces of new clothing does the world consume cherish - enjoy each year? c) 80 billion pieces a) 40 million pieces b) 60 billion pieces 2. How much profit does the fashion industry make globally each year? a) \$ 10 billion b) \$ 1.2 trillion c) \$ 3 trillion 3. How many times do we wear fast fashion garments? a) less than 5 times b) around 10 times c) around 15 times 4. How long do we keep fast fashion garments on average? a) for 35 days b) for 60 days c) for 75 days 5. How much textile waste does the average American generate every year? b) 52 pounds a) 32 pounds c) 82 pounds 4. Now watch the video (https://bit.ly/2LJNa5g). Did you choose the right

answers?

- 5. Watch the video again and list 3 consequences of fast fashion.
 - 1) 2) 3)

6. Discuss:

- How often do you think about the social, human and environmental cost of fast fashion? Are you concerned with the figures presented in the video?
- How can we change people's mindset so that they stop buying so many clothes?



