## **Fast Fashion**

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## Kickoff: Read the questions and answer them.

- 1. Where do you normally buy your clothes?
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- 3. Which is more important to you when it comes to buying clothes: quality or quantity?

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## Speaking I: Answer the questions using your new vocabulary.

- 1. Do you have <u>heaps</u> of clothes that you don't wear?
- 2. What do you do with clothing you no longer want?
- 3. Do you <u>hand</u> any clothes <u>down</u> to your younger siblings?
- 4. Do you make an effort to keep up with fashion?
- 5. Do you ever borrow other people's clothes?
- 6. Do you ever <u>lend</u> your clothes to other people?
- 7. Have you ever considered <u>leasing</u> items of clothing?
- 8. Do you ever buy second-hand clothes?

Quiz

Quiz: Read the intro and guess the answers to the questions.

The real answers will be given at the end.

Did you know that the fashion industry can be very damaging to the environment? The term "fast fashion" means making clothes quickly and cheaply, using low-quality materials. This causes a lot of waste and poor working conditions.

This quiz will reveal some shocking statistics about the fast fashion industry.

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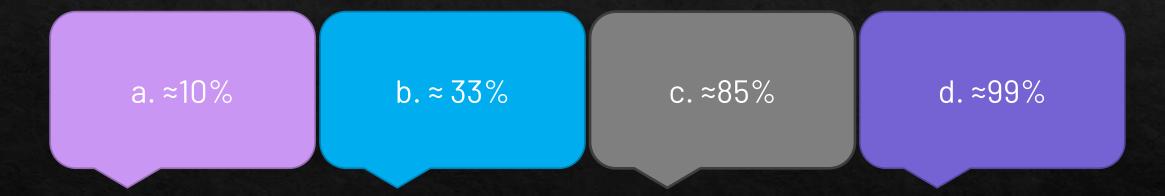
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c.1 in 16 items

How many clothing items are consumed annually around the world?

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c.80 billion

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How much of the clothing purchased in the West is produced abroad?

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## Speaking III: Comment on today's class.

- 1. Were you surprised by the statistics in the Quiz activity?
- 2. Were you aware of the problems mentioned in the Speaking II activity?
- 3. Do you think that you could include any of the solutions from the Speaking II activity in your life?

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We hope you have enjoyed this class.

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