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 TIMELESS elegance. It will be always in style. (TIME)

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

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

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

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

   f) She was wearing a simple FITTED 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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VIDEO & DISCUSSION

3. Read the quiz and tick your answers: a, b or c.

1. How many pieces of new clothing does the world consume each year?
   - a) 40 million pieces
   - b) 60 billion pieces
   - c) 80 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?
   - a) 32 pounds
   - b) 52 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) People buy a lot of things they do not wear – a lot of textile waste
   2) Cheap labour, many factory workers are not paid a living wage, working in dangerous conditions, child labour
   3) The clothing industry is the second highest polluter of clean water; the global cotton industry uses more pesticides than any other crop in the world - this poisons farmers and contaminates drinking water; polyester takes hundreds of years to break down; over 70 million trees are logged every year;

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?