

A new life for jeans

Do you have an old pair of jeans that you don't wear **anymore**.....? Are you planning to throw them (1) Find out how they are made first – and you'll see why it's a good idea to (2) them.

A lot of water and energy is needed to make one pair of jeans. Jeans are made (3) a material called denim, and denim is made from a plant called cotton. Cotton grows in warm, wet countries (4) China, India and Brazil. It takes about six months for a cotton seed to grow into a plant and produce cotton. Cotton needs a lot of water to make it grow – some of this comes from rain, but when the weather is dry, farmers need to water the plants. After the cotton is (5), it is transported to a factory and made into yarn. Indigo dye is then used to colour the yarn – indigo gives the jeans their dark blue color. After that, the yarn is made into denim (6), which is cut to make jeans.

Lots of people like stonewashed jeans. To make these, jeans are then put into a washing machine and washed with stones to make them soft and more comfortable. Stonewashing can also (7) the colour of the denim to light blue. Finally, the jeans are packed into boxes and (8) all over the world. Jeans travel up to 60,000 kilometres to (9) the shops, where you can buy them. (10) half of the jeans made in the world are sold in the USA. Last year, people their bought 450 million pairs of jeans.

Ex. A. anyone

B. anymore

C. anything

1. A. away

B. out

C. off

2. A. recycle

B. create

C. produce

3. A. with

B. of

C. from

4. A. in

B. like

C. from

5. A. harvested

B. harvesting

C. harvest

6. A. material

B. cloth

C. type

7. A. dye

B. make

C. change

8. A. transport

B. transporting

C. transported

9. A. reach

B. come

C. deliver

10. A. most

B. almost