

Read the text below. Match the highlighted words in the text with their Polish equivalents.

- a nieludzki
- b wykorzystywać
- c zakład wyzyskujący pracowników
- d nieszczęśliwy, przygnębiający
- e sklep sieciowy
- f zysk

Look at your clothes. Do you know where they come from? Do you know anything about the people who made them? How old are they? How much do they get paid every month? What are their lives like? How fair was the deal for you and for them? Now read on and find out.

1.

Three wealthy young fashion bloggers, Anniken, Frida and Ludvig, are sent by a Norwegian reality show to Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, for a month. They are going to live the lives of the workers in the local sweatshops who make the clothes they buy in well-known chain stores back in Norway. The story they tell is one of total horror and sadness.

2.

It's 5:30 a.m. and the three teenagers and their teenage host Sokty are waking up for work. The place where they are staying is smaller than their bathrooms back in Norway. A sleepless night on the concrete floor has made them feel exhausted, yet they have no choice but to go to work for at least eight hours. Their working conditions are inhumane. The room is small, windowless and very stuffy. There is a hole in the ground for the toilet and no time to have a break. The work is extremely dangerous to their health, especially for their backs and eyes.

3.

The bloggers are horrified when they learn they will be paid \$3 a day, but they get the shock of their lives when they hear stories of girls who leave school to help their poor families survive, stories of their miserable lives where there is no time for fun. They find out that the sweatshop workers do not complain too much because they are grateful to have jobs. Without them their families would probably die of hunger. After just a few days, the Norwegian teenagers have had enough and break down in tears.

4.

The three friends leave Cambodia absolutely devastated, but with a promise to tell everyone about the girls and the price they pay for us to wear cheap fashions. They have already managed to make the Norwegian Parliament take action against companies which produce clothes in such an unethical way. Their programme, *Deadly Fashion*, has been seen online by millions of people around the world and turned into a documentary. Will this encourage people to boycott firms which do not care about the idea of fair trade and exploit children to make huge profits? Time will tell!

Read the text again and match each paragraph 1–4 with the correct heading (a–f).
There are two extra headings.

a. Work or starve

c. Poor but happy

e. Living in hell

b. Cheap fashions

d. A need for change

f. Travel and see

Read the text again and answer the questions. There is one question which has no answer in the text.

In which paragraph does the author ...?

- a. describe the attitude of the Cambodians to their work
- b. explain why the Norwegians went to Cambodia
- c. mention the reason for somebody's tiredness
- d. criticise the sweatshop owners
- e. say what surprised the bloggers the most
- f. mention what has been done to fight the problem

Complete the phrases with the words below.

sweatshops unethical price idea chain stores miserable profit

- 1. buy clothes in
- 2. work in
- 3. pay a high
- 4. care about the of something
- 5. take action against / boycott clothing companies
- 6. lead a life
- 7. make a

Complete the text with the correct words from the exercise above

Most of us buy clothes in ¹ _____, but how many of us know that the people who make these clothes get paid very little for their work and often ² _____ miserable lives. They work in ³ _____ in very bad conditions, often for more than ten hours a day.

I strongly believe that we should ⁴ _____ companies which employ children and exploit them so much and show that we ⁵ _____ about the idea of fair trade by refusing to buy clothes made in such an unethical way.