

Listening - Fast fashion explained

1. Fast fashion is cheap _____ clothing that goes quickly out of style.
2. Many fast fashion _____ introduce new products multiple times in a week in order to stay on trend.
3. Most of our clothes are probably from fast fashion _____.
4. Fast fashion is the response to a huge market of _____ that are demanding high fashion at a low cost.
5. Fast fashion retailers are creating that demand because selling a great amount of clothes is _____.
6. To maximize their profits, retailers replace the items that sell out with new items of a different style, making our older clothes _____ and unfashionable and also making us constantly want to keep shopping for new, trendier clothes.
7. Because fast fashion brands are constantly hunting for new trends, many times they steal and copy ideas from _____ artists.
8. They use advertising to _____ their constant changing trends.
9. They use cheap labor that is often sourced from sweatshops - factories where workers are _____ at inhumanely low wages for long hours and under poor working conditions.
10. Workers are forced to work from 14 to 16 hours a day in often _____ working conditions with as low a salary as 33 dollars a month.

11. Female workers also face sexual _____ and no access to maternity leave.
12. Workers are not allowed to create trade unions to _____ their rights.
13. Workers are also exposed to harmful _____ and child and slave labor.
14. Factories often use toxic chemical to create _____ colors and prints which can enter our bodies through skin.
15. These chemicals also _____ the workers and they are thrown into streams and rivers polluting the water and soil of nearby areas.
16. Because fast fashion is so cheap and _____ consumers throw their clothes away at unprecedented rates.
17. 5% of all _____ space is textile waste.
18. On average every US citizen alone throws away _____ pounds of clothing every year.
19. Brands also choose to _____ their old stock rather than donate because they claim it “ruins their image”
20. The textile industry _____ more greenhouse gas emissions than international shipping and aviation combined. Some claim it is the second dirtiest industry in the world.