

# Listening - Fast fashion explained

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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.