OPINIONS

Listen to the radio programme about guilt-free brands again and say in a voice message what this concept means. Follow the script when you need:

P It seems like every day we find another reason to feel guilty about what we buy. Maybe it's food that we know isn't good for us, or clothes which are made by poorly paid workers, or products which are damaging the environment. Manufacturers know we feel this way, and the latest trend is for so-called 'guilt-free brands' – brands which claim to be better for us, for workers and for the planet – so that we can buy them and not feel guilty. Sounds great, but is it as good as it sounds? With us today we have Gosia Szlachta and Jem Norris, both members of the same environmental group but with very different views on the idea of guilt-free brands. So, Jem, what do you think about the idea?

J Well, as far as I'm concerned, anything which makes people think more about what they're buying is a good idea. Take the Fairphone, for example. Until that was produced, most people didn't even realize how bad conditions were for electronics workers in many parts of the world. Now there's a lot more awareness ...

G There's a lot more awareness, but don't you think it would be better if people understood that there is no need at all to keep buying new phones? There seems to be an idea that you have to have a new phone every two years. I'm convinced that if people really understood how much damage this causes, to workers and to the planet, they wouldn't do this. I think people should feel guilty. Producing guilt-free brands just gives people an excuse not to think about these issues, and just keep buying more and more stuff ...

J Well, according to the people who make Fairphone, their phones will last longer and be easier to repair. If you ask me, we have to give people the option of buying something which is better for the planet, not just say they shouldn't buy something at all.

Complete the phrases from the conversation. Do you understand them? Use a dictionary.

1. So, Jem, what do you _____ the idea?
2 Well, as _____, anything which makes people think...
3. There's a lot more awareness, but _____ it would be better if...?
4. _____ that if people really understood ...
5. Well, _____ the people who make Fairphone....
6. If you _____, we have to give people the option ...

Give every phrase above a category:

A giving your opinion

B Talking about other people`s opinions

C Asking for someone`s opinion

Complete the conversations with appropriate phrases:

1. **_____the fact that guilt-free brands are often more expensive?**
2. _____It's fine to pay a bit more to know that the environment isn't being harmed.
1. **Most of us can't afford electric cars. _____ people who buy electric cars are showing off how rich they are, rather than actually caring about the planet?**
2. You may be right, but _____ everyone will drive electric cars in the future.

Answer same questions from above in a voice message. Use needed phrases to express your opinion.

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