

Unit 8 – Easy Reading

The story of your jeans

What are your jeans made of?

Jeans are made of cotton. The cotton plantations need a lot of water and use a lot of chemicals.

What makes your jeans blue?

The workers dye white and hard cotton with chemicals and heavy metals to get blue and soft denim.

Who makes your jeans?

Mostly very poor women and children make jeans. They don't get good wages and often have health problems

Where do your jeans come from?

Most jeans are produced in countries in Asia, South America and Africa. Cotton only grows in hot countries and the workers in these countries are very cheap.

Who earns on your jeans?

The workers only earn very little money, only 1% of the jeans price goes to them. Most of the money goes to the big companies and the shops.

What can you do?

You can buy your jeans from companies that don't use chemicals and pay good wages, you can also wash your jeans carefully and recycle your old jeans.



Read to the text and cross out the wrong option. Circle the correct option.

- 1 The cotton plantations need a lot of water and **often use / don't use** a lot of chemicals.
- 2 The workers dye cotton with chemicals and **heavy metals / a lot of water** to get denim.
- 3 Many women and children **earn a lot of money / have health problems**.
- 4 Cotton **only grows / doesn't grow** in hot countries.
- 5 Most of the money goes to the **big companies and the shops / workers**.
- 6 You should buy your jeans from companies that **pay good wages / use chemicals**.

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