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**Level 4** – 17th July 2023

## France to pay people to repair their clothes

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs-4.html>

We unnecessarily throw away millions of tons of clothes every year. A lot of these are nearly new. France has come up with a scheme for people to wear their clothes longer. It will pay a "repair bonus" for taking clothes and shoes to be repaired at workshops or cobblers. People will get up to \$27 of the cost of repairs. The scheme is run by the eco-organization Refashion. It hopes to help the environment.

France throws away 700,000 tons of clothing every year. Furthermore, the world's fashion industry creates 8-10 per cent of carbon emissions. The rise of fast fashion has worsened this. Fast fashion is buying cheap clothes to wear a few times. It uses a lot of synthetic materials which harm the environment. Refashion wants people to cut the amount of clothing they buy, and to donate unwanted clothes to charity for recycling.

Sources: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20230712-france-to-pay-bonus-for-shoe-clothes-repairs-to-cut-waste-1>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/jul/12/stitch-in-time-france-to-help-pay-for-clothes-to-be-mended-to-cut-waste>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast\\_fashion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_fashion)

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. throw away millions      | a. the environment  |
| 2. A lot of these are       | b. bonus            |
| 3. France has come          | c. nearly new       |
| 4. wear their clothes       | d. to be repaired   |
| 5. pay a repair             | e. up with a scheme |
| 6. taking clothes and shoes | f. of repairs       |
| 7. the cost                 | g. of tons          |
| 8. help                     | h. longer           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the world's fashion          | a. emissions          |
| 2. carbon                       | b. amount of clothing |
| 3. The rise of fast fashion has | c. a few times        |
| 4. buying cheap clothes to wear | d. to charity         |
| 5. It uses a lot of synthetic   | e. industry           |
| 6. harm the                     | f. worsened this      |
| 7. cut the                      | g. environment        |
| 8. donate unwanted clothes      | h. materials          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs-4.html>

We unnecessarily (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of tons of clothes every year. A lot of this is nearly new. France has come up (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for people to wear their clothes longer. It will pay (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for taking clothes and shoes to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ workshops or cobblers. People will get up to \$27 of the cost of repairs. The scheme (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the eco-organization Refashion. It (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment.

France throws away 700,000 tons (1) \_\_\_\_\_ year. Furthermore, the world's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 8-10 per cent of carbon emissions. The rise of fast fashion (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Fast fashion is buying cheap clothes to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ times. It uses a lot of synthetic materials which harm the environment. Refashion wants people to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of clothing they buy, and to donate unwanted clothes to (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CLOTHES REPAIRS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230717-clothes-repairs-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about clothes repairs in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

