

## Open Gap Fill: The Impact of Fast Fashion (B2)



### Reading Task: Fill in the missing words (one word per gap)

Fast fashion has revolutionized the way we consume clothes. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the past, people would save up for months to buy a high-quality coat. Today, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is common to buy several items every week. This shift is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to the rise of globalization and low-cost production in developing countries.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ many consumers enjoy the low prices, there is a hidden cost to the environment. Massive amounts of water are used (5) \_\_\_\_\_ produce a single cotton t-shirt. Furthermore, the chemical dyes often end (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in local rivers, causing severe pollution.

Experts suggest that we should move (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from this 'throwaway' culture. Instead (8) \_\_\_\_\_ buying cheap, disposable items, we should invest in durable clothing. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ doing so, we could significantly reduce our carbon footprint. Ultimately, it is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to the consumers to change their habits and demand more ethical practices from brands.

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### Solutions: Open Gap Fill

1. In
2. it
3. due
4. Although / While
5. to
6. up
7. away
8. of
9. By
10. up