

Ethical Fashion Choices □

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Part A: Dilemma Analysis

Scenario 1: The Birthday Gift

Your best friend's birthday is next week. You have €30 to spend on a present. You know she loves fashion and needs a new jacket. You find two options:

Option A: A trendy jacket from a fast fashion brand for €28

Option B: A second-hand designer jacket from a charity shop for €25

Your friend loves new things and might be disappointed with "used" clothing.

1. Which option would you choose? Explain your reasoning (consider environmental, social, and personal factors).

2. How could you convince your friend that second-hand fashion can be just as good as new?

Scenario 2: The School Dress Code

Your school has a strict uniform policy. The official supplier sells uniforms for €120 per set. You've found identical-looking items at a fast fashion store for €40, but you know they're probably made in poor working conditions. Your family is struggling financially.

3. Is it fair to expect everyone to buy expensive ethical fashion when some families can't afford it? Why / Why not?

4. Who is responsible for solving this problem: consumers, companies, or governments? Explain.

Part B: The Hidden Costs Game

☐ **Task:** A T-shirt costs €5 in a shop. List at least 5 "hidden costs" that aren't included in the price tag – costs paid by workers, the environment, or future generations.

Hidden Cost 1: _____	Hidden Cost 2: _____
Hidden Cost 3: _____	Hidden Cost 4: _____
Hidden Cost 5: _____	

Part C: Your Fashion Footprint

5. Think about the last 5 items of clothing you bought. Where were they made? How much did they cost? Are you still wearing them? What does this tell you about your shopping habits?

6. List 3 realistic changes you could make to reduce your fashion impact (be honest – don't just write what sounds good!).

☐ **Extension Task:** Research one sustainable fashion brand. Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) explaining what makes them different from fast fashion brands. Include their website if possible.
