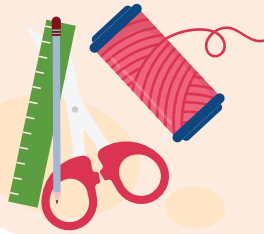




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Tara's elder brother's passion for fashion had rubbed off on her, making her a fashion enthusiast as well. However, she found herself in an unfamiliar position when she stumbled upon a message from the Climate Action Superheroes urging fashion followers to "mend, donate, and keep clothing out of landfills." She was aware that landfills were areas where vast amounts of waste were buried. The Fashion Fixer had revealed that the fashion industry, including clothing and footwear, accounted for 20% of global wastewater gases. Tara was shocked to learn that it takes 1,250 litres of water to produce a cotton t-shirt and 7,500 litres to make a single pair of jeans.



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She was dismayed to discover that every second, approximately one garbage truck of textiles is burned or dumped in landfills. Tara was heartbroken to learn that some people disposed of clothes in the trash, but she was pleased that her family donated used clothes in good condition to those in need. In Lucknow, her hometown, a police station set up a "clothes bank"





during winter, where people could donate warm clothes that could be collected by those who needed them. Tara's aunt enjoyed recycling her clothes by making new ones from old ones, and Tara herself had a shoulder bag made from an old pair of jeans. Tara's mother also used old clothes for cleaning and mopping. Tara had seen some women weaving strips of used clothes to make bed sheets and mats. Her aunt had even made curtains out of old saris. In certain towns, Tara had seen people exchanging old clothes for steel utensils, a clever idea. These used clothes were repaired and sold at weekly roadside markets. Tara was happy to see so many individuals recycling used clothes and wished the same could be done with plastic.



New Words

1. **Passion-** a strong liking or interest in something
2. **Landfills-** areas where waste is buried in the ground
3. **Utensils-** tools used for cooking or eating food.

Find other new and interesting words for each other, and write their meanings in your notebooks.

Comprehension

1. Who are the "Fashion Fixers"?
2. How much water is wasted during the manufacturing of a pair of jeans?
3. What is a "clothing bank"?
4. What material was Tara's shoulder bag made from?
5. What items are made using strips of cloth?
6. How does Tara's mother reuse old clothing?

Take turns to make more questions like these above for each other and answer them.

Prompts Pair up

1. **Clothing Swap Activity:**
Bring in a gently used item of clothing that you no longer wear. Discuss the importance of reusing and recycling clothes to help the environment. Exchange your clothing items with each other, giving them a new life and keeping them out of landfills.
2. **DIY Upcycled Accessory:**
Work together to create a new accessory using old clothes or fabric scraps. For example, make a headband, wristband, or a small bag. Share your creations with the class and discuss how upcycling can help reduce the environmental impact of the fashion industry.
3. **Clothing Donation Drive:**
Organize a small clothing donation drive in your class or neighborhood. Collect gently used clothing items that you and others no longer wear. Donate the collected clothes to a local charity or clothes bank. Discuss the environmental benefits of donating and reusing clothes instead of throwing them away.

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