

## 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?*

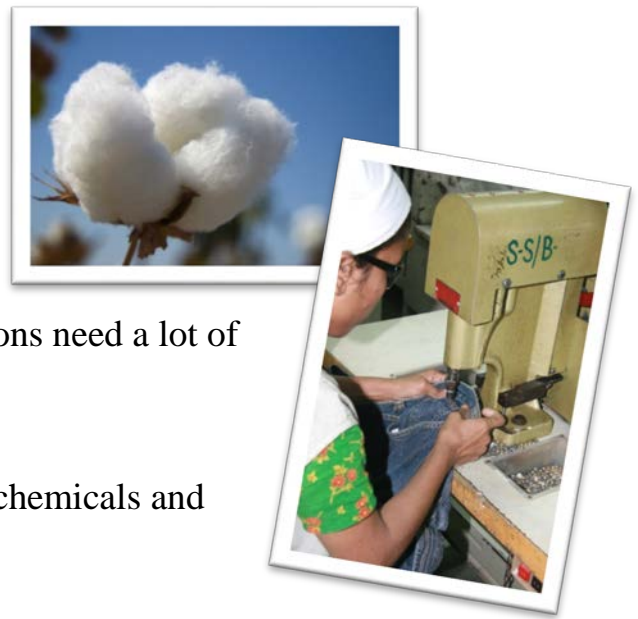
Most jeans are produced in countries in Asia, South America and Africa. Cotton only grows in hot countries and the workers in these countries are very cheap.

*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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