

Part 2.

Read the text. Write 'R' for Right, 'W' for Wrong or 'DS' for Doesn't Say.

How many pairs of jeans have you got? Five? Ten? Which one is your favourite? How many pairs of jeans or denim shorts are there in the world? Denim must be the most popular type of clothing material there is in the western world. It's made of cotton and it can be worn in practically any circumstances. So jeans and denim are innocent, environmentally friendly clothes, right? Wrong!

As it turns out, what most people don't know is that denim jeans are truly environmentally unfriendly! To start with, vast quantities of water are needed for the cotton plants – in fact, 1,600 gallons of water are needed for just one pair of jeans. Then, a large amount of oil is also required to move the machines that spray cotton plants with chemicals so they aren't destroyed by insects or other pests! To make matters worse, to give denim its blue colour many harmful chemicals are used, which are afterwards released into the environment, poisoning and polluting the ground water, killing all life there. They also poison drinking water, making it unsuitable for human consumption.

Had enough? Sorry, there's more! After a pair of jeans has been made, it is washed countless times to give it the trendy faded look that it needs if it's to be sold in fashionable shops. So, a lot more water is wasted like that. Finally, jeans also contribute to global warming – for each pair of jeans 32 kg of CO₂ is released into the atmosphere!

Should we then give up our beloved jeans? Is there a solution? Happily, yes, there is. Some companies are now having research done into producing environmentally friendly jeans and denim clothes. They're using recycled materials such as plastic and even glass, which helps the environment by removing harmful substances, as well!

1. Jeans are very popular. _____
2. Jeans are made of cotton. _____
3. The chemicals used to make denim are environmentally friendly. _____
4. The water used for washing jeans is recycled. _____
5. Jeans can be recycled and reused. _____

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

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