

Sustainable and ethical fashion

Introduction

- **Level:** B2
- **Skills:** Listening
- **Topics:** Vocabulary, Fashion

The enigma

- **Keywords**

This enigma focuses on sustainable and ethical fashion. The players will receive a mission to look for the most sustainable piece of clothing in the room and find an item in its pockets.

- **Toolbox**

Pieces of clothing (5 fast-fashion and one sustainable)

A device to watch the video/listen to the audio

A piece of paper with a QR code to place in the pocket

- **Description of the enigma**

This enigma focuses on sustainable fashion. The players will investigate on different pieces of clothing. They will watch a video/listen to an audio which will give them their mission and would need to find the most sustainable and ethical piece of clothing around the room to find the next clue.



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Video/Audio Transcript:

Dear agents, we need your help saving the planet. Fast fashion is destroying the environment and we need you to help us select the most sustainable piece of clothing in the room. Only you can do this job! Here is some important information you will need to look for on the labels. First, you need to eliminate all clothes containing acrylic, nylon, and polyester, as they come from non-renewable sources. Instead, sustainable fashion should use organic or recycled materials such as organic cotton, cork, bamboo, pinatex, organic linen, or natural wool. Beware of cheap clothes, as they are often unsustainable. Please also pay attention to ethics by choosing clothes that have been produced locally or at least in Europe, where the ethical standards and working conditions are far more regulated than in South, Southeast, and East Asia. Once you find the most sustainable piece of clothing, search its pockets, you might find something interesting.

Step 2:

Once the learners have found the piece of clothing they were looking for, they will search its pockets and find a piece of paper with a QR code containing the following clue. Place false QR codes on all pieces of clothing and several copies of the correct QR code on the sustainable piece of clothing to discourage them from trying to access the next clue without solving the enigma.

Hints

If they don't understand their mission, you can tell them to listen to it more than once and take notes.

If they don't find the right piece of clothing, try to see if they understood what they need to look for and prompt them to make a list of unsustainable materials.



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More information

Possible restrictions

Make sure that the audio is in good enough quality for all students, including those with hearing impairment or dysphasia.

If you have any deaf students, you can also turn it into a reading activity for them or add English subtitles to the video.

References

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