

VInt Introductory Activities

Text type: TED talk

Week: 4

Title: The wildly complex anatomy of a sneaker

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Pre-listening Discussion Questions:

1. Do you often wear sneakers? How many pairs do you buy per year? What are your favourite brands?
2. Do you know anyone who collects sneakers, or buys them as an investment?
3. What materials do you think are most commonly used to make sneakers? Are some materials more popular than others?

Vocabulary Preview:

Word	Meaning	Used in a sentence
sneakers (n)		
canvas (n)		
complicated (adj)		
equivalent (adj)		
carbon footprint (phr)		
synthetic (adj)		
compound (v)		
carcinogenic (adj)		
ecosystem (n)		
vulcanization (n)		
discrete (adj)		
dispersion (n)		