

VInt Follow-up Activities

Text type: TED talk

Week: 4

Title: The wildly complex anatomy of a sneaker

Author/Speaker: Angel Chang

Follow-up Writing:

1. Use reported speech to explain what consumers can do to balance their love of sneakers with the need for sustainability. Remember to paraphrase (use your own words).
2. What kind of evidence does Chang use to support her assertions? How convincing is it?

Follow-up Discussion Questions:

1. How much consideration do you think people should give to the impact their purchases make on the environment?
2. Do you think a society such as ours, that places a heavy emphasis on consumerism, has contributed to the environmental problems we are now seeing, such as climate change?
3. Do you think large manufacturers such as Nike and Adidas should be encouraged to find more sustainable ways of producing their products? Should they be encouraged (or forced) to contribute to the costs of developing more sustainable production methods?