



LIVING TOGETHER

HOW FAR DO YOUR CLOTHES TRAVEL?

EASY
MEDIUM
HARD



YOU'LL NEED:

clothes

1 map of the world
paper and a pencil

TRY THIS!



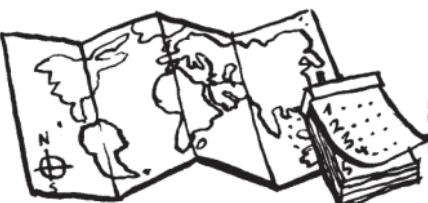
1. Check the sewn-in labels in your clothes (you'll find these in t-shirts and pullovers at the neck or inside). Read where the item has been made. It says "Made in ..."



2. Ask your friends what their labels say.



3. Check 7 different labels and write down the countries.



4. Check on the map of the world. Where are the countries you found? On which continent are they?

WHAT HAPPENS?

You will notice that most items of clothing have not been made in Austria. Many have travelled very far. They often come from Asia (e.g. Taiwan, China ...) or Eastern Europe (e.g. Rumania, Bulgaria ...)

WHY IS THAT?

It takes many steps to make an item of clothing. The fabric has to be woven, dyed and cut. The different parts are sown together into one item of clothing. At the end, the label is sown in, and the finished piece is transported to the shop.

So the company which makes the clothes pays as little as possible, it divides these steps up in different countries. Each step is mostly done in the country where it is cheapest.

WHAT DO I NEED THIS FOR?

It is important to know where the products that we can buy come from, and how the people who make them live. Because if something is made very cheaply, that's not a good thing for everybody. Many workers who make your clothes are not treated fairly. Sometimes, even children have to work. The workers often don't get paid enough, and they have to work too long hours. When we get to know this, we can stand up for them.

BY THE WAY:

The so-called "Clean Clothes" campaign stands for fair treatment of the workers.

