



*There are a few sentences below taken from this documentary.
Use these words to complete the sentences:*

- **apparel**
- **hazardous**
- **flip side**
- **viable**
- **demise**
- **compelling**
- **mind-boggling**
- **commonplace**

1. The problem is that every year we're consuming more, producing more, and there's a _____ to that that no one wants you to see.
2. These things are not just litter. These things are _____ waste.
3. Customers are going to be pissed off when they realize that they have been contributing to their own _____, but they didn't wanna hear it.
4. No one needs a new T-shirt. No one needs a new pair of shoes. There's so many out there, and most of us have more than enough. What you need is a _____ reason to buy that product.
5. The real money would come if you could sell _____ and food online.
6. Making products designed to break or be rapidly discarded has become _____ in almost every industry.
7. There's something like 13 million phones thrown out every day, which is a crazy, _____ number.
8. I had always assumed we're not fixing things because it's not possible. It's not economically _____. Actually, we're not fixing things because lawyers are going out of their way to censor that knowledge from the world.

Now match each word to the correct definition:

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	b. clothes
	c. able to work, able to succeed, feasible
	d. done very often, happening often, in many places
	e. persuasive, strong (argument, reason, etc.)
	f. difficult to understand or imagine
	g. the opposite, less good or less popular side of something
	h. death or the end of something

Now use the same vocabulary in different sentences. You won't need all the words.

1. Wearing jeans to work has become _____ in many offices.
2. The amount of information available on the internet is _____ .
3. This outfit store offers a wide range of _____ for both men and women.
4. The lawyer presented a _____ argument that convinced the jury.
5. The politician's scandal led to the _____ of his career.



SPEAKING QUESTIONS

- What is **consumerism**? How does it affect the way people live today?
- "It's the responsibility of big companies, not individuals, to solve the waste problem." What do you think?
- How does **advertising** influence what people buy?
- What are some reasons why people feel the need to buy **the latest products** (e.g., smartphones, clothes)?
- Do you try to buy only what you need? Why or why not?
- What is the most unnecessary thing you've ever bought? Do you regret it?

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