



## Pupils' Worksheet F1

### Cloth Making Stories from India and the UK

#### Story 1

Pritesh works as a hand weaver at home in India, because there is no other work in the area. He starts at 6am and finishes at 9pm with only one break. He gets asthma from the dust, which comes from the material he weaves. The cloth he makes he sells to one man for a very low price, who then sells it to someone else. When they have the time his family help him too.

#### Story 2

Krishnam works for a small weaving club in India. He joined this group of people because he heard that they were selling their cloth to a Fairtrade organisation. This means that they get paid a fair price for what they make, and he knows that he will have a stable job, because they will still be buying it in months to come. This is very important as the rest of his family work on farms and do not work all year round. The wages that Krishnam earns are the only way that his brothers and sisters can go to school.

#### Story 3

Drashti works in a large factory in India, which makes cloth to sell to places abroad. The pay is good and the women earn the same as the men. She works from 7am to 3.30pm and gets lunch and two tea breaks, and even though it's such a large and noisy factory, there is plenty of air and light and she gets 15 days holiday each year. If she has to work on festival days, she gets paid extra, and if she is sick she still gets paid.