



Pupils' Worksheet F1

Fairtrade



The charity Oxfam says that Fairtrade is:
'trading which tries to make sure that the people who make the products in developing countries like India for example, receive a fair price.'

In the past our clothes and food were made by people who lived near us. But today, it is so easy and cheap to travel to far away to places like India, that we tend to buy things no matter where they come from, as they tend to be cheaper.

This has two main bad effects. One is that it means that people like farmers who live close by, have to compete with other cheaper sources of food. This can put them out of business. Secondly it means that people in the Third World Countries who can make things cheaply, can be treated very badly, and can work in horrible conditions. This is what we are going to look at today.

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