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FAIRTRADE AUDIOSCRIPT

# Listen to these interviews with people outside a supermarket, being asked about what they have bought.

Optional exercise: Decide if these sentences are true or false.

### In interview 1...

- 1. The person thinks fair trade is a brand.
- 2. The person would not consider buying fair trade.
- 3. The person takes price into consideration.

#### In interview 2...

- 4. The person has bought junk food.
- 5. The person thinks "organic" and "fair trade" are the same thing.

#### In interview 3

- 6. The person thinks fair trade is only for food products.
- 7. The person tried to buy fair trade clothes, but found none available.
- 8. The person worries about the quality of the clothing bought.

#### In interview 4

- 9. The person has got bad teeth.
- 10. The person doesn't care how the chocolate is produced.

#### Interview 1

Q: Hi! Good morning!

A: Morning!

Q: I'm doing some market research about fair trade. I'd like to ask you a few questions about your shopping, if that's ok...

A: Sure...

Q: OK...so, first, can I ask what you've got in your bag?

A: Just doing the week's shopping – some fruit and veg, a few tins of beans, loaf of bread and a pint of milk. Tea bags and some coffee.

Q: Is the coffee fair trade?

A: What?

Q: Fair trade?

A: No, it's Nescafe. What's fair trade?

Q: It's a range of goods that are produced making sure that people in Africa or South America are paid fairly for their work and produce.

A: Sounds alright. Never seen it though.

Q: It's more expensive than ordinary coffee.

A: Oh well, then. This stuff's already expensive. Not sure I could afford that...

### Interview 2

- Q: Can I ask what you've got in your bag?
- A: Fruit and nuts, snacks.
- Q: All good healthy stuff then?
- A: Yep, dried apricots, raisins, cashew nuts, and some pistachios. All organic, all fair trade.
- Q: Do you always buy fair trade?
- A: Whenever possible, yeah.

## Interview 3

- Q: Can I ask what you've got in your bag?
- A: A new top and a pair of jeans. I've been clothes shopping.
- Q: Are they fair trade?

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- A: What?
- Q: Fair trade?
- A: I thought that was just for coffee and stuff...
- Q: No, there are also fair trade clothes.
- A: I don't know about that. Let's have a look. Ok...well, the jeans were made in Bulgaria, and the top in China.
- Q: Do you know if the people who made them were paid fairly for their work?
- A: No, I guess I don't. They were very cheap...I'm not so sure now. Where can you buy fair trade clothes?
- Q: A lot of shops carry fair trade lines. You have to check the labels carefully!
- A: Next time, I will do...

#### Interview 4

- Q: Can I ask what you've got in your bag?
- A: The week's shopping....
- Q: You've got lots of chocolate in there!
- A: Yeah...well, got a sweet tooth, haven't I?
- Q: Is it fair trade chocolate?
- A: Yes, of course it is. I always buy fair trade stuff, whenever I can.

**ANSWERS:** 1T, 2F, 3T, 4F, 5F, 6T, 7F, 8F, 9F, 10F