Planet Money

Makes a T-Shirt

# How a T-Shirt made

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| Supply Chain | Extraction | Production | | Distribution | Consumption |
| **Chapters** | **Cotton** | **Machines** | **People** | **Transportation** | **You** |
|  | Cotton is grown, picked, and ginned | Cotton is processed into cloth | Cloth is cut and sown into clothing | Clothing is shipped and driven to stores | Clothing is purchased |
| Vocabulary | **Resources**:  the wealth of a country of its way of producing wealth; *natural resources* such  as oil, or *human resources* such as the workers are both examples | **Asset**:  something valuable or useful  **Expenses**: cost of charges for purchases of goods or services | **Sweatshop**:  a business establishment where workers are employed for long hours at low wages or under unfavorable or unhealthy conditions | **Import:** goods and services brought in from other nations for sale or use  **Exports**: goods and services that are produced in one nation and sold or traded to other  nations  **Tariff**: a tax that a government puts on goods coming into the country | **Consumer**:  a person who uses up or buys good and services  **Goods:** things that are sold, material output such as cars, clothing, tools |

# Cotton

Explain the 3 reasons for why the United States still exports more cotton than any other country

1. Technology
2. Report Cards
3. Subsidies

# Machines

What is the process of production from cotton to fabric?

# People

What is the life of a factory worker like? Has is changed much over time?

Why do so many continue to work in sweatshops when conditions are tough?

If factory owners and activists agree that the garment industry is beneficial, what is the debate?

# Boxes

How was the shipping container developed?

What was the side effect of cheap transportation?

For the $12.42 T-shirt, what was the cost of materials and production? What did the remaining costs include?

# You

Who is involved in the making of the T-shirt?

Create a diagram of what went into making a T-shirt.