

## The Story of Stuff

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1. How much of our natural resources have been consumed in the last few decades?
2. How many planets are needed to support current rates of consumption if everyone consumed at US rates?
3. How many trees are being lost in the Amazon each minute?
4. What food is at the top of the food chain and threatening the health of future generations?
5. How many pounds of pollution does the U.S. admit to releasing a year?
6. What is meant by “externalising costs”?
7. How much material is still in the “system” after 6 months?
8. Where have the remaining materials gone from this “system”?
9. According to President Eisenhower’s council of economic advisors, the ultimate American purpose is to produce more consumer goods.
10. What are 2 examples that are NOT their ultimate purpose? (Hint: what gets crossed off on the screen?)
11. What does “planned obsolescence” mean? Give an example.
12. What does “perceived obsolescence” mean? Give an example.
13. What is happening to the levels of measured national happiness?
14. What is a reason that explains this?
15. How many pounds of garbage does each average American create each day?
16. One solution which many countries use to deal with increasing waste is to burn it. What problem is associated with this?
17. How does recycling help?