

Title: How It's Made: From Cotton to Clothes

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

yarn	dryer	trucks	clean	cloth
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1. Towels are made of thick, soft _____.
2. Kittens like to play with balls of _____.
3. After I wash my clothes, I put them in the _____.
4. _____ are used to move things from farms and factories to stores.
5. Bill got in trouble because his room was not _____.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. A lot of clothes are made from plants. T / F
2. People in Egypt were the first to learn to use cotton. T / F
3. Cotton needs sunny, cool weather to grow. T / F
4. Cotton has to be cleaned after it's harvested. T / F
5. When yarn is stretched a lot, it becomes thread. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Cotton is used to make clothes like (jeans / raincoats).
2. Cotton is more (comfortable / colorful) than animal skins.
3. People from Europe learned about cotton from (Egyptians / Americans).
4. When cotton is first harvested, it (tastes / looks) like bread.
5. After cloth is colored, it is put (on rollers / in stores).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. How old is cotton?

- a. More than 5000 years old
- b. Almost 5000 years old
- c. 5000 years old
- d. No one is exactly sure

2. What were clothes made of before cotton?

- a. Blue jeans
- b. Animal skins
- c. Wool fibers
- d. Straw and grass

3. About how long does it take to grow cotton?

- a. Two days
- b. Three days
- c. Two months
- d. One year

4. What happens to cotton yarn when it is stretched?

- a. It becomes cleaner.
- b. It becomes whiter.
- c. It becomes stronger.
- d. It becomes cheaper.

5. How is cloth made?

- a. By tuning yarn into thread
- b. By pressing thread together
- c. By stretching thread
- d. By sewing yarn together

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

stretched

rows

pick

looms

sticks

Some people think cotton has been used for more than 5,000 years. It was first used in Asia. Egyptians started to use it too. They brought it to Europe. Before cotton, clothes were made from animal skins. Cotton plants have to be planted in _____. They need sunny, hot places to grow. People used to _____ cotton by hand. Today, big machines do this. Once cotton is collected, it has to be cleaned. This is because it has many _____ and leaves in it. When it's cleaned, it gets pulled. This turns it into yarn. After that, it's pulled and _____ some more and becomes thread. Thread is used to make cloth. Then the cloth gets colored. This is all done with machines. But people used to use _____ to do this. This was hard work. Once the cloth is made and colored, it is used to make our clothes.