## **BBC** Distressing jeans



#### **BEFORE** YOU WATCH

- 1 SPEAKING Discuss the questions.
  - 1 How many pairs of jeans do you have?
  - 2 Where were your jeans made?
  - 3 Which styles and colours do you like best? Why?
- 2 Put the adjectives describing jeans under the appropriate heading. Use a dictionary if necessary.

destroye	<del>d</del> distressed	immaculate
pristine	second-hand	vintage

New/Good condition Old/Bad condition destroyed

### WHILE YOU WATCH

- 3 Watch the video and answer the questions about distressed jeans.
  - 1 Where are they made?
  - 2 Why are they made?
  - 3 How are they made?
- 4 (6) 1 Complete four extracts from the first part of the video (up to 02:01) with the adjectives from Exercise 2. Then watch again and check your answers.
  - 1 The worldwide market for denim jeans is enormous, and one of the most popular styles is \_\_\_\_\_ jeans.
  - 2 We're in India, we're just heading towards a denim factory that distresses denim and makes it look

3	Do you find it slightly strange	that you	take
	something that is	_ and _	
	and you totally destroy it?		

**4** Yes, mostly young people like garments with a more distressed look, more \_\_\_\_\_ look.

- 5 How does the presenter sum up the difference between young people's and old people's attitude to jeans?
- 6 Watch the rest of the video (02:01–03:16) again and put the stages of the distressing process in the correct order.

The grinding	machine	

- **b** More washing with stones and bleach
- c Adjusting the crinkles by hand
- d Using sand paper to produce white lines
- e It's finished!
- f More sanding to produce holes
- g It's over to the wet processing area
- 7 How does the presenter react to his jeans being distressed?

## **AFTER** YOU WATCH

- 8 SPEAKING Discuss the questions.
  - 1 Why do you think people pay more for distressed jeans than normal jeans?
  - 2 Do you agree that 'destroying denim is all about pretending that you've been through something that you haven't'?

# **Focus Vlog** About clothes

## Have you bought any new clothes recently?



1 Which of the clothes in the box do you own? Compare with a partner.

a beanie boots a hoodie fun socks a necklace a perfect-fitting blazer running shoes sandals shorts sunglasses swimwear a trench coat a waterproof jacket

- 2 SPEAKING Ask and answer the questions.
  - 1 Have you got a piece of clothing that you wear with everything?
  - 2 Have you been shopping recently? What did you get? Is there anything you've been planning to buy but haven't yet?
  - **3** What is your favourite place to go shopping for clothes?
  - 4 Do you spend a lot on clothes? Why?/Why not?

I <sup>1</sup> one pair of jeans that I wear with	
everything. They're black, they're <sup>2</sup> and	
they're perfect for me. But they're so 3	
and tatty now, I need to find some new ones. I tried	
to go shopping the other day, but I just couldn't	
<sup>4</sup> any that I liked.	

4 (64) Watch the second part of the video (0:49–1:39) and write down what the people have bought recently.

Holly	
Noah	
Laura	
Kristina	
Peter	
Lauren	

- 5 Watch the rest of the video (1:40–2:35) and answer the questions.
  - 1 Why hasn't Holly bought a bag yet?
  - 2 What kind of jacket does Noah need?
  - 3 What does Laura want to buy?
  - 4 Why does Kristina need new sunglasses?
  - 5 What kind of running shoes does Peter want to buy?
  - 6 How long has Lauren been looking for a blazer?

#### FOCUS ON LIFE SKILLS

Communication • Creativity • Teamwork

- 6 Work in groups of four or five and create a 30–60-second advert for a piece of clothing.
  - **Step 1:** Think of examples of clothing adverts you like or remember. Answer the following questions:
    - Did the adverts make you laugh? Did they inspire emotions?
    - What do you particularly remember about these adverts?

**TIP:** Most successful adverts inspire positive emotions. Think what feelings you would like your viewers to have.

- **Step 2:** Select a piece of clothing or an accessory you want to sell. Choose an item from Exercise 1 or use your own ideas.
  - Give it a name.
  - Answer the following questions:
     What is most important about the product?
     What makes it different?
     Why might people want to buy it?
     Then think how you can show this in your advert.
  - Create a short story (script) for your ad.
    Think about the action (what happens),
    the location (setting) and the characters.
    You may take notes or draw pictures to help you.
  - Write the advert's slogan(s).
- **Step 3:** Practise performing the advert.
  - Perform it to your class live OR record a video and show it to the class.