

Consumer Power – Consumer quandary cards

You have a favourite brand of trainers that you love. You have asked your parents for a pair of these trainers for your birthday present. Last night you saw a documentary on the TV that showed where this brand of trainers are made and you saw that they are made in huge factories by children who have to work 14 hours per day and are treated badly. What do you do? Do you still want a pair of these trainers for your birthday?

You love chocolate and have a favourite chocolate bar that you eat quite often. You just looked on the internet and saw an article about the company that makes your favourite chocolate bar. It declared that they pay very little to the workers who produce the cocoa in South America. In some cases the producers can't survive and their families are suffering. What do you do? Do you decide the article isn't true and try to forget you saw it? Do you write a letter to the company? Do you stop buying the chocolate bar?

Every week you go to a hamburger restaurant with your friends. One of your friends has now decided not to go because the way the hamburgers are produced is unethical. He says that they cut down trees from the rainforest to make space to keep cows, the workers have lots of accidents as they have to work very long hours and the pay is ridiculously low. He asks you to stop going there. What do you do? Do you join your friend and boycott the hamburger restaurant? Do you still go but eat something else? Do you turn vegetarian?

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