

A2-B1 Worksheet: Paris Fashion Week's Waterfall Problem - 28 June 2026

Article

During a recent Paris Fashion Week show, Louis Vuitton built a large artificial waterfall beside a sandy runway. The show happened during a strong heatwave, when Paris was extremely hot and many people were trying to stay cool.

The company said the water moved through a closed system, so it was reused, not wasted. It also said the sand would be used again. Even so, some local people and city officials were angry. They felt the show looked rich and careless at a time when everyone was worried about heat and water.

The story started a bigger debate. Fashion shows can be beautiful and exciting, but they also use public space, energy and materials. In very hot weather, many people ask if luxury brands need to think more carefully about the message they send.

True/False

Decide if each statement is True (T) or False (F).

1. Louis Vuitton built a large artificial waterfall for a fashion show.
2. The show happened during cold winter weather.
3. The company said the water was reused in a closed system.
4. The company said the sand would be thrown away after the show.
5. Some local people and city officials were angry about the show.
6. Everyone agreed that the show sent the right message.
7. The article says fashion shows can be beautiful and exciting.
8. The article says luxury brands may need to think carefully about their message.

Synonym Match

Match the words (1-10) to the correct synonyms (A-J).

Words (1-10)	Synonyms (A-J)
1. recent	A. used again
2. artificial	B. discussion
3. large	C. very
4. heatwave	D. upset
5. extremely	E. new
6. reused	F. not careful
7. angry	G. meaning
8. careless	H. man-made
9. debate	I. hot spell
10. message	J. big

Use the new language

Please choose 5 words from the Synonym Match and make your own sentence using each word.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Discussion Questions

Student A	Student B
1. Do you care about fashion shows? Why or why not?	1. Why can a beautiful event still make people angry?
2. What do you usually wear when the weather is extremely hot?	2. How should companies behave during very hot weather?
3. Have you ever been to an event that felt too hot or uncomfortable?	3. Is it fair for luxury brands to use public space for private events?
4. Do you think a waterfall is a good idea for a fashion show?	4. Do people judge brands more strongly now than in the past?
5. What public spaces in your city are used for events?	5. Can fashion be exciting and responsible at the same time?
6. Do expensive brands have a different responsibility from small shops?	6. When does a company look careless instead of creative?
7. What kind of advert or event gives you a bad message?	7. Should rich brands explain exactly how they use water and energy?
8. Which is more important for an event: beauty, comfort or cost?	8. What would a smarter hot-weather fashion show look like?

Answer Key

True/False: 1=T, 2=F, 3=T, 4=F, 5=T, 6=F, 7=T, 8=T

Synonym Match: 1=E, 2=H, 3=J, 4=I, 5=C, 6=A, 7=D, 8=F, 9=B, 10=G

Example sentences with the words

1. A recent fashion show in Paris became controversial.
2. The artificial waterfall was part of the runway design.
3. A large event can use a lot of space.
4. A heatwave can make outdoor events difficult.
5. The room was extremely hot in the afternoon.
6. The water was reused instead of wasted.
7. Some residents were angry about the private event.
8. A careless message can damage a brand.
9. The show started a debate about luxury and responsibility.
10. Brands need to think about the message they send.