

FairTrade cotton in Mali

1 Vocabulary

Fair trade	trade that pays producers correctly
unfair	unjust
to break down	stop working
childbirth	giving birth to a baby
barn	large place to keep farm produce
well	hole in the ground to get water from
illiterate	no ability to read or write

2 Comprehension Questions

Indiquez si les expressions suivantes sont vraies (True) ou fausses (False).

- Buyers didn't pay enough for the cotton
- Farmers didn't produce enough cotton
- Fairtrade farmers work in cooperatives
- People had to walk long distances to get the pumps repaired
- Women died because they had no vaccinations

3 Reading Comprehension -

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- What did Oumar explain at the meeting?
- What happened to the cotton price in the past?
- What happened to the children?
- Why is organic cotton better?
- What happened to the water in one of the villages?

4 Speaking Practice - Activités orales

Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.

- He wanted to make a difference
- The farmers could not get enough money for their cotton
- The farmers get a better share of the profit
- Women farmers contribute to the family income

5 Speaking Practice - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- What is the benefit of picking cotton together?
- How did they store the cotton?
- How did they help the education of the adult farmers?
- What happened when the farmers used pesticides?

6 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) -

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

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|---|---|
| A | The NGO helped farmers |
| B | They built barns |
| C | They found it difficult to |
| D | Organic cotton |
| E | pass on the information about products |
| F | to start growing fairtrade organic cotton |
| G | does not use pesticides |
| H | to securely store the cotton |

7 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- The maternity clinic in the village was destroyed
- In the cooperative people discussed different projects
- Farmers had problems understanding written agreements
- With the cooperative, the farmers have some control over the price of cotton

8 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

Oumar knows ...1... is still hard. There are lots of problems, including the ...2... in climate. If there is ...3... rain, there is less cotton. And they cannot control the international forces that affect the price of the cotton. But working ...4... means people can find solutions together. If they have a better ...5... of the profits, they can decide where to invest, what to do. They can have a say in their future.

Answers –

2 Comprehension questions

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. False

3 Reading Comprehension

1. How to get a Fairtrade certificate
2. The price went down
3. Children couldn't go to school (they went hungry)
4. It gets a better price in the market (you don't need pesticides)
5. The water pump broke

5 Speaking Practice - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

1. The work is lighter and quicker
2. They built large barns to put it in
3. They built rooms and had literacy classes
4. Farmers got sick – they had headaches and stomach aches

6 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

A=F
B=H
C=E
D=G

7 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False

8 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

1. life
2. change
3. little
4. together
5. share