The Story of Stuff

Introduction:

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| Question | Answer |
| Of the 100 largest economies on the planet,  \_\_\_\_\_\_% are governments. |  |
| Of the 100 largest economies on the planet,  \_\_\_\_\_\_% are companies. |  |

Extraction:

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| In the past 30 years, \_\_\_\_\_% of the world’s natural resources have been consumed. |  |
| The US has less than \_\_\_\_\_% of the original forests left. |  |
| In the US, \_\_\_\_\_% of the waterways are now undrinkable |  |
| The US has 5% of the world’s population, but uses \_\_\_\_\_% of the world’s resources, produces \_\_\_\_\_% of the world’s waste. |  |
| If everyone consumed at US rates, we would need \_\_\_\_\_ planets to support all of us. |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_% of global fisheries are fished at or beyond capacity |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_% of the planet’s original forests are gone. |  |
| In the Amazon forest alone, we are losing \_\_\_\_\_ trees every minute |  |

Production:

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| \_\_\_\_\_ synthetic chemicals are used in manufacturing today. |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_ of these chemicals have been tested for synergistic health impacts |  |
| BFR’s are chemicals used to make things flame resistant. They are also very toxic to the \_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| The food with the highest level of many toxic contaminants is \_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| The people who get the most exposure to toxic chemicals are the \_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| Globally, \_\_\_\_\_ people per day are moving into cities. |  |
| US industry releases \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of toxic chemicals per year. |  |

Distribution:

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| Externalized cost of production includes: loss of natural resources, making of pollution, low wages and lack of health benefits for workers. | T/F |
| We don’t always pay the true cost to produce and transport goods. | T/F |

Consumption:

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| What percent of total material goods are still in use 6 months after they are sold? |  |
| Today we consume \_\_\_\_ as much as Americans did 50 years ago. |  |
| Some companies design stuff to intentionally break quickly | T/F |
| Many of us throw away perfectly good things due to advertising. | T/F |
| We see an average of \_\_\_\_\_ advertisements per day |  |
| Today we have more stuff than ever before, but national \_\_\_\_\_ is declining. |  |
| Name the top two ways Americans spend their leisure time. |  |
| The average house size has doubled since \_\_\_\_\_ |  |

Disposal:

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| Each person in the US throws away approximately \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of garbage every day. |  |
| That’s twice the amount of garbage we threw away \_\_\_\_\_ years ago. |  |
| Name two options for getting rid of waste. |  |
| The #1 source of Dioxin, the most toxic man made substance known to science, is… |  |
| For every 1 garbage can full of waste removed from our house, \_\_\_\_\_ cans were made “upstream.” |  |