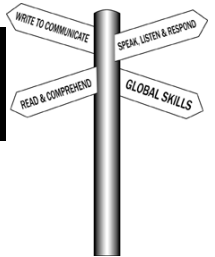


# Sports outfit case study



Every item of sportswear we put on to go for a jog or a workout at the gym comes with a story attached. These are the stories of the workers at the end of the supply chain who are forced to work long hours on poverty pay, with no rights, because of the way big sport companies do business.

## Sports vest - made in Indonesia

A woman who works in a factory which makes sports tops is only on a short-term contract. This means that her bosses can stop employing her when it is slow and re employ her when it is busy again. This means she is never sure when she has a job.

As a contract worker she has to meet a daily target which goes up during busy times and this means she often has to work long unpaid hours to meet her target.

## Socks - made in Indonesia

A man who works in a factory making sports socks is bullied because he is in a union. He is stopped from using the work bus and has to pay to get public transport.



## Sports cap - made in China

A woman who works in a factory making sports caps is stopped from leaving or taking time off when she or her family are ill. To stop her from leaving her bosses made her sign a two-year contract when she joined and this means if she leaves the factory she will lose one month's back pay. If she does take time off sick she may lose 3 days' wages.

## Tracksuit bottoms - made in Cambodia

A woman who works in a factory making tracksuit bottoms works non-stop for long hours, but still finds it very hard to get by on her very small wages. With overtime she earns about US\$60 a month, which means she only gets \$2 per day.

## Trainers - made in China

A man who works in a factory that makes trainers lives in factory accommodation. He has moved a long way from his home to find work. The place where he lives is very basic with 100 workers sharing just six or seven taps for washing clothes or taking a shower. This means he often has to queue for about 2 hours to get hot water after a long day at work.

Source:

- [www.fairolympics.org](http://www.fairolympics.org) (amended)

## Sports outfit case study - comprehension questions

After reading the information about the sports outfit, answer the following questions:

1. Where are the sports vests made?
2. Where are the sports caps made?
3. Where are the socks made?
4. Where are the tracksuit bottoms made?
5. Where are the trainers made?
6. Which factory worker was bullied for being in a union?
7. Which factory worker only earned \$2 per day?
8. Which factory worker had moved a long way from home?
9. Why is the female Indonesian worker never sure she will have a job?
10. What does the female Indonesian worker often have to do to meet her targets?
11. Why does the male Chinese worker have to queue for 2 hours to have a shower?
12. How is the sports cap worker stopped from leaving her job or taking sick leave?