

Finn's Global Trade Adventure

Learning objective: To understand the concept of trade and how goods are moved between different countries.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow. Use full sentences in your answers.

Finn the dolphin loves exploring the vast oceans, but he is most fascinated by the giant ships gliding across the waves. He noticed that these ships are carrying cargo from all over the world. This is called trade.

Finn learned that no single country has everything it needs. For example, the UK might grow some vegetables, but it cannot grow cocoa beans because the weather is too cold. To get chocolate, the UK must import cocoa beans from warmer countries, like Ghana. In return, the UK might export things it is great at making, such as high-tech machinery or luxury cars.

Trade allows people to enjoy products that aren't available in their own backyard. Finn watched a massive container ship arrive at a busy port, loaded with electronics and clothing. He realised that the clothes he wears and the toys he plays with have likely travelled thousands of miles across the sea. By trading resources, countries help each other and ensure that shops are filled with a wonderful variety of goods from every corner of the globe.

Word bank: Import · Export · Trade · Cargo · Resources

1. According to the text, why can't the UK grow its own cocoa beans? (1 mark)

2. Which two examples of exports from the UK are mentioned in the passage? (2 marks)

3. Why does the author say that trade allows people to enjoy things that aren't in their 'own backyard'? (2 marks)

4. How does Finn feel about the ships he sees in the ocean, and how do you know? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is better for a country to make everything itself or to trade with others? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Finn the dolphin watching a giant cargo ship arrive at a busy port, showing some of the goods it might be carrying.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are starting a trade business. Pick one item the UK produces and one item it imports. Draw a map showing the route the goods would take across the ocean.