Exploring Global Trade with Finn

Learning objective: To understand the concept of trade, the difference between imports and exports, and why countries trade with one another.

Finn the dolphin has been swimming across the oceans and noticing how ships carry goods between different countries. Help Finn complete this worksheet by using your knowledge of trade!

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

1. Using the word bank, write a definition for 'Trade'. (1 mark)

2. If the UK grows apples and sells them to another country, is this an import or an export? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

3. Why can't the UK grow everything it needs, such as bananas or coffee beans, inside its own borders? (2 marks)

4. Imagine a toy costs £5.00 to make in one country but is sold for £12.00 in the UK. Why does the price increase when it is traded across the world? (2 marks)

5. What is 'Fairtrade', and why is it important for the farmers who produce the goods we buy? (2 marks)

6. Look at a piece of clothing you are wearing. Where was it made? Do you think it was imported or exported to get to you? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a map showing a ship carrying goods from a tropical country to the UK. Label the goods being carried and mark them as 'Exports' from the tropical country and 'Imports' for the UK.

Extension challenge: Can you think of a product that is traded globally? Write a short list of three different countries that might be involved in making that product (e.g. where the raw materials come from, where it is put together, and where it is sold).