

Finn's Global Trade Adventure: How Does the World Connect?

Follow the Flow of Goods: Discover how items travel from across the oceans to reach your local shop!

- An export is a product or service sent to another country for sale. When the UK sells British-made cars to other nations, this is known as exporting.
- An import is a product brought into our country from abroad. If we buy fruit like pineapples that cannot grow in our climate, we must import them from countries with warmer weather.
- Raw materials are the basic natural resources used to make goods, such as timber for furniture or cotton for clothing, which are frequently traded between nations.
- The supply chain is the entire journey a product takes, starting from the harvesting of raw materials, moving through factories, and finishing at the retail shop.
- Global trade helps countries specialise in what they do best, allowing us to access a wider variety of food, technology, and clothing than we could produce alone.

Did you know? Did you know? Every day, thousands of massive container ships navigate the world's oceans. These ships carry everything from bananas grown in warm climates to the microchips inside your favourite tablet. If you trace the journey of a single pair of trainers, you might find that the rubber came from one country, the fabric from another, and the design was created in a third, all before they arrived at a shop near you!

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