

Year 5 Geography: Understanding Global Trade

Learning objective: To identify how goods are traded globally, understand the concept of imports and exports, and explain the importance of fair trade.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of geography and trade to provide detailed answers. Use full sentences where required.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the routes that giant cargo ships take across the oceans. He has noticed that many countries do not grow all their own food or manufacture all their own clothes. Instead, countries trade with one another. When a country sells goods to another, it is an export. When a country buys goods from another, it is an import. Sometimes, the price paid for these goods does not reach the farmers or workers who made them. This is why many people choose to buy products with a Fairtrade label, ensuring that workers receive a fair wage for their hard work.

Word bank: Export · Import · Trade · Fairtrade · Globalisation · Supply chain · Consumer · Economy

1. Define the terms 'import' and 'export' using an example for each. (2 marks)

2. Why might a country need to import goods from halfway across the world instead of producing them locally? (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey is looking at a banana. He says, 'This banana has travelled thousands of miles to reach my shop.' Explain two ways this banana might have been transported. (2 marks)

4. Explain what the Fairtrade label represents and why it is important for farmers in developing countries. (3 marks)

5. Look at the price of a chocolate bar. If it costs £1.20, describe how that money might be shared between the farmer, the transport company, and the shop owner. (3 marks)

6. Describe the journey of a pair of trainers from a factory in another country to your feet. Mention at least three stages of the supply chain. (5 marks)

7. If the UK stopped all trade with other countries, what would happen to the items available in our local supermarkets? Discuss the positive and negative impacts. (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a map showing a trade route between two countries. Use arrows to show where goods are being exported and imported, and include a small sketch of a cargo ship.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension: Research one item in your kitchen cupboard. Find out which country it was produced in and draw its journey on a world map.