

Finn's Global Trading Adventure

Learning objective: To understand how goods are traded around the world and explain the importance of imports and exports.

Use the prompts below to write a report about how items travel from their source to our local shops. Think carefully about how transport links connect different countries.

Finn the dolphin has spent his life travelling the world's oceans, watching giant cargo ships carry goods between distant continents.

Word bank: import · export · global supply chain · international trade · raw materials · freight · consequently · furthermore · on the other hand · sustainability · demand

1. Introduction: Define what trade is and explain why countries need to exchange goods with one another. Start with: Trade is the process of... (2 marks)

2. The Journey of Goods: Choose one item you use every day (e.g., a banana or a cotton t-shirt) and describe its journey from a producer to a shop. Start with: A common item I use is..., which is produced in... (3 marks)

3. Imports and Exports: Compare and contrast imports and exports. Why is it important for a country to have a balance of both? Start with: An import is when a country..., whereas an export is... (3 marks)

4. Transport Methods: Justify why different methods of transport (ships, planes, or lorries) are used for different products. Start with: Manufacturers choose specific transport methods because... (3 marks)

5. Future Challenges: What might happen if a country could no longer trade with its neighbours? Explain the potential impact on local shops and families. Start with: If international trade stopped, I believe that... (4 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise how trade connects our lives to people across the globe. Start with: In conclusion, trade plays a vital role in our lives because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer creating a new trading route. Write a persuasive paragraph justifying why your chosen route is the most efficient. Consider the geography of the land, the cost in £, and the environmental impact of your chosen transport method.