

Finn's Global Trade Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand how goods are imported and exported between the UK and other countries.

Join Finn the dolphin as he maps out the journey of products around the world. Use this fact-file to research and record how different items reach our shops. Think about where things come from and how they travel across the oceans to reach us.

Word bank: Import · Export · Trade · Global · Container ship · Economy · Raw materials · Manufacturing · Supply chain

1. Defining Trade: In your own words, explain the difference between an import and an export. (2 marks)

2. Product Journey: Choose one item you use at home (e.g., a banana or a toy). Where was it made, and what continent did it travel from to get to the UK? (2 marks)

3. Modes of Transport: Why do you think large container ships are used for global trade instead of aeroplanes for heavy items like cars or furniture? (3 marks)

4. The Cost of Goods: If a fair-trade coffee farmer in another country sells their beans for £2.00, why might that same coffee cost £5.50 when it reaches a store in the UK? (3 marks)

5. Local vs Global: Why might a country choose to export some of its own natural resources instead of using them all at home? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a 'Fair Trade' product in your kitchen cupboard. Write a short paragraph explaining why buying Fair Trade products helps farmers in other countries get a better deal for their hard work.