

Global Trade: Connecting Our World

Learning objective: To explain the concept of global trade and identify how goods move around the world, using Finn the Dolphin's map-reading skills.

Use this writing frame to write a report on how products travel from their origin to your home. Think about the journey of a common item, such as a banana, a toy, or a piece of clothing.

Finn the Dolphin has been mapping the vast ocean routes that cargo ships use every day to transport goods across the globe.

Word bank: Import · Export · Global trade · Supply chain · Furthermore · Consequently · By contrast · Distribution · Natural resources · Economic connection

1. Introduction: Define what trade is and explain why countries need to trade with one another. Start your paragraph with: 'Global trade is the process of...' (2 marks)

2. The Journey of a Product: Choose one item found in your home. Where was it made, and how did it reach the UK? Start with: 'One item I use often is a..., which originates from...' (3 marks)

3. Transporting Goods: Describe the different methods of transport used to move goods across the world. Start with: 'To move products across long distances, companies often use...' (3 marks)

4. Imports and Exports: Explain the difference between an import and an export using an example. Start with: 'The UK exports items such as..., while we import goods like...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why trade is important for our daily lives. Start with: 'In conclusion, global trade is essential because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a 'Fair Trade' label. Write a short paragraph explaining why choosing Fair Trade products can help farmers and workers in other countries receive a fairer price for their goods.