

Finn's Global Trading Adventure

Learning objective: To understand how goods are traded between countries and why countries rely on each other.

Read the story carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Fill in the boxes with your answers.

Finn the dolphin loves to swim across the big, blue oceans. He visits many different countries. Finn notices that countries do not have everything they need. Some places have lots of sunshine to grow delicious bananas, but they do not have the cold weather needed to grow wheat for bread. Other places have big factories that make machines, but they do not have fruit trees. Because of this, countries use trade. Trade is when countries swap what they have for what they need. When a country brings in goods from far away, it is called an import. When a country sends its own goods to others, it is called an export. Finn watches giant ships carry boxes filled with toys, clothes, and food across the sea. By trading, people in the UK can enjoy tropical fruit in the winter, and other countries can use our British machines. Trading helps everyone get the things they need to live happy lives.

Word bank: Trade: swapping goods or services · Import: bringing things into your country · Export: sending things out to other countries · Goods: items that are made or grown

1. According to the text, what is the definition of trade? (2 marks)

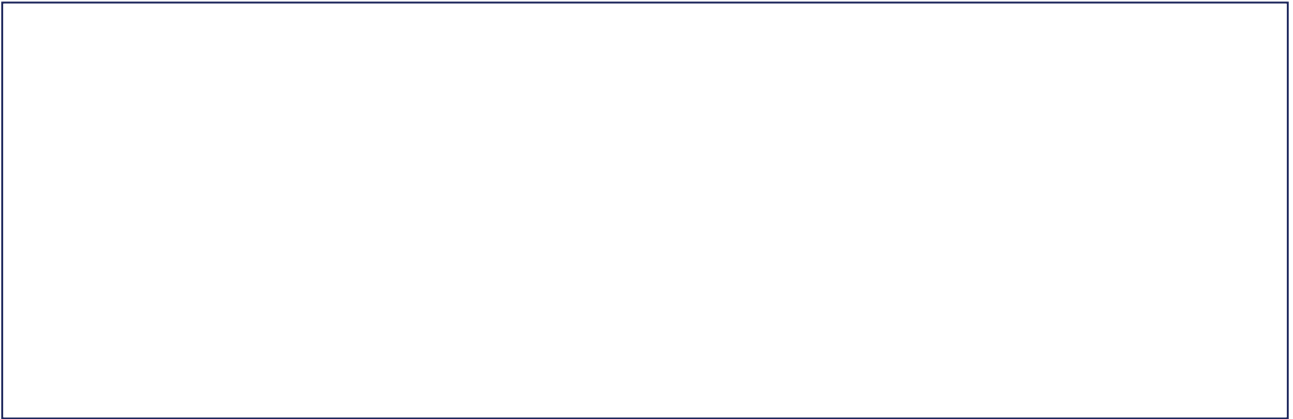
2. What is the difference between an import and an export? (2 marks)

3. Why might a country need to trade with another country? (2 marks)

4. Look at the passage. How do goods usually travel between countries? (2 marks)

5. Do you think trade is important for the world? Why or why not? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a large ship on the ocean carrying containers. Label one side of the ship 'Exports' and the other side 'Imports'.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a shopkeeper. List three things you would want to import from another country and explain why you need them.