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 on his global journey! Use this fact-file to research how the UK trades with the rest of the world. Pick an item you use at home, find out where it was made, and explain how it reached your local shop.

Word bank: Import · Export · Global trade · Supply chain · Merchant ship · Cargo · Raw materials · Manufacturing · Economy

1. What is the name of the product you have chosen, and can you identify which country it was manufactured in? (2 marks)

2. Explain the difference between an import and an export. Is your chosen product an import or an export for the UK? (3 marks)

3. Describe the journey this product might have taken to reach the UK. Which forms of transport (ships, planes, lorries) might have been used? (3 marks)

4. Why do you think the UK chooses to trade with other countries instead of making everything we need ourselves? (3 marks)

5. If this product cost £5.00, what are some of the costs that might be included in that price (e.g., shipping, labour, materials)? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Create a map showing the route your chosen product took from its country of origin to your nearest high street. Use arrows to show the direction of travel.