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 this writing frame to help Finn the dolphin explain how countries exchange goods. Follow the structure below to write your report on global trade.

Finn the dolphin has travelled across the oceans to discover how countries swap the things they grow, make, and need.

Word bank: import · export · global supply chain · raw materials · manufactured goods · consequently · furthermore · in contrast · due to · economic interdependence

1. Introduction: Define what trade is and explain why countries cannot produce everything they need themselves. Start with: 'Global trade is the exchange of goods and services between countries because...' (2 marks)

2. Imports and Exports: Explain the difference between an import and an export. Provide one example of a product the UK imports and one we might export. Start with: 'Countries send goods to other nations, which are known as exports; in contrast, imports are...' (3 marks)

3. The Journey of a Product: Describe how a raw material might travel through the supply chain to become a finished product. Start with: 'A product’s journey often begins as a raw material, such as...' (3 marks)

4. The Role of Transport: Explain why ships and aeroplanes are vital for trade. Start with: 'Transport plays a crucial role in trade because...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why trading is important for the modern world. Start with: 'In conclusion, trade helps countries to...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a 'Fair Trade' product in your kitchen. Write a short paragraph explaining why buying Fair Trade items helps farmers in other countries get a fair price for their work.