

What is trade?

Trade is importing and exporting goods from one country or continent to another. Trading gives us the opportunity to purchase goods that we cannot make or grow ourselves. However sometimes, it is cheaper to buy goods or services from another country.

Background information

The UK imports goods from all over the world. The top five products imported by the UK are: petrol, cars, packaged medicaments, computers and vehicle parts.
The top five import origins to the UK are Germany, China, Netherlands, USA and France.

Vocabulary

Biome	geographical area defined by its climate, plant and animal life and the activities of the people who live there
Climate	weather patterns in a place over a long period of time, such as seasonal rainfall, sunshine and temperatures
Consumer	goods bought and used by consumers, rather than by manufacturers for producing other goods.
Continent	land mass defined by physical, human, or cultural features: Europe, Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Oceania, North America or South America
Export	send (goods or services) to another country for sale. .
Fair trade	trade between companies in developed countries and producers in developing countries in which fair prices are paid to the producers.
Import	bring (goods or services) into a country from abroad for sale.
Man-made	Something built by humans
Native	a person born in a specified place or associated with a place by birth, whether subsequently resident there or not.
Raw materials	the basic material from which a product is made.
Seasons	a time of year marked by certain conditions; spring, summer, autumn and winter
Ethical	Beliefs about what is right and wrong

What will we learn about trade?

In this unit, we will learn about the UK's global links, investigate where everyday products come from and the journeys they take to our homes.

Journeys—Trade

Critical thinking:

Our big question

How can we be ethical shoppers?