

Trade Across Borders

Read how nations exchange goods and services.

SS.2.E.1.3 "Recognize that the United States trades with other nations to exchange goods and services."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the names of goods and circle the names of services in the passage.
This will help you notice what nations can exchange through trade.

Trading With Other Nations

- ① The United States trades with many other nations. Trade means people exchange goods or services. Goods are things people can touch, such as apples, toys, or books. Services are jobs people do, such as teaching, fixing, or designing.
- ② For example, the United States buys coffee from Colombia. Colombia sends coffee beans, a good, to the United States. People in the United States can drink the coffee. In return, Colombia may buy products or services from the United States.
- ③ Trade can include services too. A business in another nation might pay a United States company to design a computer program. The company sends its work online. Both nations can get something they need through trade.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does trade mean in the passage?

2 What good does the United States buy from Colombia?

3 What service does the United States company provide for the business in another nation?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

In Panel 1, draw and label one good or service another nation could send to the United States. In Panel 2, draw and label one good or service the United States could send back, then write one sentence explaining why this is trade.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the names of goods and circle the names of services in the passage. This will help you notice what nations can exchange through trade. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does trade mean in the passage?	Trade means exchanging goods or services.
2	What good does the United States buy from Colombia?	The United States buys coffee beans from Colombia.
3	What service does the United States company provide for the business in another nation?	The company designs a computer program.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1: Mexico sends avocados, a good, to the United States. Panel 2: The United States sends a computer-design service to Mexico. This is trade because both nations exchange things they need.

Accept goods or services that could reasonably be exchanged, as long as the student shows something sent to the United States and something sent back. The sentence should explain that trade is an exchange between nations.