

Florida Connects

Trace how Florida businesses reach customers near and far.

SS.4.E.1.2 "Explain Florida's role in the national and international economy and conditions that attract businesses to the state."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each detail that shows Florida connecting with other states or countries, and circle each condition that can attract a business to Florida.

Florida in a Big Economy

- ① Florida connects with the rest of the United States and with other countries. Trucks and trains carry Florida oranges, tomatoes, and other products to stores in many states. Florida factories also make goods that buyers outside the state use. When Florida businesses sell products to people elsewhere, money comes into the state and workers have jobs.
- ② Florida's seaports move cargo, such as fruit, machines, and building supplies, between Florida and other places. Ships can bring goods into Florida or carry Florida products away. Airports bring travelers and goods from many countries. Visitors spend money at hotels, restaurants, shops, and attractions. This tourism links Florida's economy to people around the world every year.
- ③ Many businesses choose Florida because it has warm weather, access to water, major roads, rail lines, airports, and seaports. These transportation links help businesses receive supplies and reach customers. Florida also has many workers and millions of possible customers, including visitors. State and local governments may offer training or tax programs that can lower some business costs.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How do Florida products reach customers in other United States states?

2 How do seaports and airports each connect Florida with other countries?

3 How does tourism bring money into Florida?

4 Name two conditions that can attract businesses to Florida. Then explain how transportation links help a business.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose one kind of business that could operate in Florida. Write three sentences explaining how it could reach customers outside Florida and naming two conditions that could help it succeed in Florida.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each detail that shows Florida connecting with other states or countries, and circle each condition that can attract a business to Florida. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do Florida products reach customers in other United States states?	Trucks and trains carry Florida products, such as oranges and tomatoes, to stores in many states.
2	How do seaports and airports each connect Florida with other countries?	Seaports move cargo into and out of Florida. Airports bring travelers and goods from many countries.
3	How does tourism bring money into Florida?	Visitors spend money at hotels, restaurants, shops, and attractions.
4	Name two conditions that can attract businesses to Florida. Then explain how transportation links help a business.	Answers may name warm weather, access to water, roads, rail lines, airports, seaports, workers, customers, training programs, or tax programs. Transportation links help businesses receive supplies and reach customers.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

An orange-growing company could operate in Florida. Trucks and rail lines could help it send oranges to stores in other states, and seaports could help send them to other countries. Warm weather and many workers could help the company grow oranges and hire people.

Accept answers that accurately use passage details to explain Florida's national or international economic connections. For the open response, look for a reasonable business, a way it reaches customers beyond Florida, and two Florida business conditions.