

Trade Connections

Read how imports and exports link countries.

SS.5.E.2 "The International Economy"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that identify imports and exports. Circle details that show a benefit or challenge of trade.

Coffee Across Borders

- ① Countries trade because each place has different resources, workers, climates, and factories. Brazil grows coffee in its warm climate, while Canada has forests that supply lumber. A country can make some goods more easily or at a lower cost than another country. Trade lets both countries get products they want without trying to produce every item themselves.
- ② When Brazil sells coffee to Canada, coffee is an export for Brazil. An export is a good or service a country sells to another country. The same coffee is an import for Canada because Canada buys it from another country. An import is a good or service brought into a country. Money paid for the coffee travels from Canadian buyers to Brazilian sellers.
- ③ Trade can benefit both countries. Canadian shoppers can buy coffee that does not grow well in Canada, and Brazilian coffee businesses gain customers. However, trade also depends on transportation and agreements between countries. If a storm closes a port or a government adds a tax on imported goods, coffee may cost more or arrive later. Choices in one country can affect people in another.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Why is coffee an export for Brazil and an import for Canada?

2 Name two differences between countries that can make trade useful.

3 How does the coffee trade benefit Canada and Brazilian coffee businesses?

4 What are two ways a storm or a tax on imported goods could affect coffee buyers in Canada?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write four sentences about a realistic trade between two countries. Name one country's export, name the other country's import, explain one benefit, and describe one challenge that could affect the trade.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that identify imports and exports. Circle details that show a benefit or challenge of trade. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is coffee an export for Brazil and an import for Canada?	Coffee is an export for Brazil because Brazil sells it to Canada. It is an import for Canada because Canada buys it from Brazil.
2	Name two differences between countries that can make trade useful.	Answers may name different resources, workers, climates, factories, or the ability to make goods more easily or at a lower cost.
3	How does the coffee trade benefit Canada and Brazilian coffee businesses?	Canadian shoppers can buy coffee that does not grow well in Canada, and Brazilian coffee businesses gain customers.
4	What are two ways a storm or a tax on imported goods could affect coffee buyers in Canada?	Coffee may cost more or arrive later.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Chile exports copper to South Korea. For South Korea, copper is an import. South Korean factories can use copper in products, while Chilean mining businesses earn money from sales. A shipping delay could make the copper arrive later.

Accept equivalent explanations that correctly identify the selling country as the exporter and the buying country as the importer. For the open response, accept any realistic trade example that includes all four required parts.