

Trade Partners

See how country specializations create trade.

SS6E11.a "Explain how specialization makes trade possible between countries."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that names Australia's specialization, and circle the sentence that names Japan's specialization. In paragraph 3, write 1, 2, and 3 beside the three sentences that show how specialization leads to trade.

Australia and Japan Trade

- ① Countries do not have the same natural resources, climate, workers, or factories. This difference can lead to specialization, which means focusing on goods a country can produce well. Australia has large deposits of iron ore, a rock used to make steel. Mining companies in Western Australia can remove and ship iron ore efficiently. Because Australia has abundant iron ore and mining experience, it specializes in selling iron ore to other countries instead of trying to make every product people need.
- ② Japan has fewer natural resources than Australia, but it has highly skilled workers and advanced factories. Japanese factories use imported iron ore, along with other materials, to make steel and manufacture products such as cars and machines. Japan specializes in manufacturing these products efficiently for customers in many countries. It can buy iron ore from Australia rather than mining enough at home, and Australia can buy Japanese manufactured products rather than building every kind of factory.
- ③ Trade connects these specializations. Australia exports iron ore to Japan, and Japan exports manufactured products, including cars and machines, to Australia, as businesses arrange these sales across the two countries to meet customer needs. Japan gains Australian iron ore for its factories, while Australia gains products made in Japanese factories. Instead of attempting to produce every resource and every manufactured good, each country can focus on work it does well and exchange for goods it needs.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does Australia specialize in selling?

2 What does Japan specialize in manufacturing?

3 What does Japan gain from Australia, and what does Australia gain from Japan?

4 How does specialization make trade possible between Australia and Japan?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Invent two countries with different specializations. In three sentences, name what each country specializes in, tell what each exports, and explain how the trade helps both countries.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that names Australia's specialization, and circle the sentence that names Japan's specialization. In paragraph 3, write 1, 2, and 3 beside the three sentences that show how specialization leads to trade. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does Australia specialize in selling?	Australia specializes in selling iron ore.
2	What does Japan specialize in manufacturing?	Japan specializes in manufacturing products such as cars and machines.
3	What does Japan gain from Australia, and what does Australia gain from Japan?	Japan gains Australian iron ore. Australia gains manufactured products, including cars and machines, made in Japanese factories.
4	How does specialization make trade possible between Australia and Japan?	Australia focuses on iron ore, and Japan focuses on manufactured products. They trade these goods so each country can get goods it needs without producing everything itself.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Coastland specializes in growing cocoa beans, and Toolia specializes in making farm machines. Coastland exports cocoa beans to Toolia, while Toolia exports farm machines to Coastland. Both countries can focus on what they produce well and trade for a needed good.

For the open task, accept any logical pair of specializations and exports. The explanation must show that each country trades to receive a good it does not specialize in producing.