

Trading Walls

Compare how governments limit trade across borders.

SS6E11.b "Compare and contrast different types of trade barriers, such as tariffs, quotas, and embargoes."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that explain how each barrier works. Then write 1, 2, and 3 beside tariff, quota, and embargo to show them from the least complete to the most complete limit on trade.

Three Ways to Limit Trade

- ① Countries trade when they buy and sell goods across borders. Sometimes a government limits that trade to protect local jobs, respond to another country's actions, or meet a safety goal. These limits are called trade barriers. Australia exports products such as wheat and iron ore and imports items such as cars and electronics. A trade barrier can raise the price of an imported product, limit how much enters a country, or stop trade with a particular place.
- ② A tariff is a tax charged on goods brought into a country. If another country places a tariff on Australian wool, the seller may still send wool there, but the tax can make it cost more. Buyers might then choose a cheaper product. A quota works differently. It sets a limit on the amount of a good that may enter during a certain time. Once the quota is filled, no more of that good may enter until the next period, even if buyers want it.
- ③ An embargo is the strongest of these three barriers. It bans trade with a certain country, or it bans particular goods. For example, a country using an embargo against another nation might refuse both its imports and its exports. Unlike a tariff, an embargo does not simply add a cost. Unlike a quota, it does not allow a set amount. Tariffs, quotas, and embargoes can all reduce trade, but they differ in how completely they block goods.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is one effect that tariffs, quotas, and embargoes can all have on trade?

2 How does a tariff work differently from a quota?

3 Why could Australian wool still be sold after a tariff, but not after a quota is filled?

4 What makes an embargo a more complete limit on trade than a tariff or quota?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose one Australian export and imagine that a trading partner uses a tariff, a quota, and an embargo on it. In four sentences, compare what would happen under each barrier and tell which barrier would limit trade the most.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the words that explain how each barrier works. Then write 1, 2, and 3 beside tariff, quota, and embargo to show them from the least complete to the most complete limit on trade. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is one effect that tariffs, quotas, and embargoes can all have on trade?	They can all reduce trade.
2	How does a tariff work differently from a quota?	A tariff adds a tax that raises the cost of imported goods. A quota limits the amount of a good that may enter during a certain time.
3	Why could Australian wool still be sold after a tariff, but not after a quota is filled?	A tariff raises the wool's price but still allows it to enter. After a quota is filled, no more of the good may enter until the next period.
4	What makes an embargo a more complete limit on trade than a tariff or quota?	An embargo bans trade with a country or bans particular goods. It does not merely add a cost or allow a set amount.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Imagine Japan placed a tariff on Australian wheat. Australian wheat could still enter Japan, but the added tax could raise its price. A quota would allow only a set amount of wheat to enter Japan during the period. An embargo would ban Australian wheat completely, so it would limit trade most.

Accept equivalent comparisons that correctly distinguish a tax, a limit on quantity, and a ban. For the open response, accept any plausible Australian export and trading partner if the student accurately compares all three barriers and identifies the embargo as the most complete limit.