Growth Clues

Compare the conditions that help economies grow.

SS7E6 "Describe factors that influence economic growth and examine their presence or absence in Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each economic-growth factor, and circle words or phrases that show whether it is present, limited, or risky in Israel, Saudi Arabia, or Turkey.

What Helps an Economy Grow?

1 Economic growth occurs when a country can produce more goods and services over time. Important factors include natural resources, skilled workers, machines and technology, reliable roads and power, investment, and stable rules. These factors often work together. For example, a business may need trained workers to use new equipment and dependable transportation to move its products. A country does not need every resource, but it needs ways to use its strengths and deal with limits.

2 Israel has far less oil wealth than Saudi Arabia, and water is limited. Yet Israel has built growth through human capital, research, technology, and investment. Universities and businesses develop software, medical devices, and water-saving tools. Its ports, roads, and digital networks connect businesses to markets. Government support for research and a large skilled workforce help new companies start. Regional conflict and security costs can create risk, but Israel's technology sector shows how skills and capital can partly overcome resource limits.

3 Saudi Arabia has enormous oil reserves. Oil sales have supplied money for schools, roads, airports, and other capital projects. The country is also investing in tourism, manufacturing, renewable energy, and worker training so that its economy is less dependent on oil prices. Turkey has a large workforce, productive farms, factories, and a location linking Europe and Asia. Its transportation networks support trade. However, high inflation and uncertainty can discourage investment. Both countries can increase growth when businesses have confidence to plan, hire, and invest.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Name two factors that help Israel's economy grow. Use details from the passage.

2. How have Saudi Arabia's oil reserves helped its economic growth?

3. Identify one factor that supports growth in Turkey and one factor that can limit growth there. Explain each.

4. How is the natural-resource situation different in Israel and Saudi Arabia, and how does each country respond?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose Israel, Saudi Arabia, or Turkey. In three or four sentences, propose one action that could strengthen an economic-growth factor in that country, explain how it could increase growth, and name one challenge the action might face.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each economic-growth factor, and circle words or phrases that show whether it is present, limited, or risky in Israel, Saudi Arabia, or Turkey. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two factors that help Israel's economy grow. Use details from the passage.	**Israel uses a skilled workforce and research and technology. It also has investment, government support for research, and transportation and digital networks.**
2	How have Saudi Arabia's oil reserves helped its economic growth?	**Oil sales have provided money for schools, roads, airports, and other capital projects.**
3	Identify one factor that supports growth in Turkey and one factor that can limit growth there. Explain each.	**Turkey's large workforce, farms, factories, location, and transportation networks support growth and trade. High inflation and uncertainty can discourage investment, which can limit growth.**
4	How is the natural-resource situation different in Israel and Saudi Arabia, and how does each country respond?	**Israel has far less oil wealth and limited water, so it relies on skills, research, technology, and investment. Saudi Arabia has enormous oil reserves and uses oil money for capital projects while investing in other industries.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Saudi Arabia could expand worker training for renewable-energy and manufacturing jobs. Skilled workers could help new businesses operate beyond the oil industry. This could make the economy less dependent on oil prices and create more jobs. A challenge is that businesses may need time and investment to grow.

Accept other accurate factors and explanations supported by the passage. For the open response, accept a reasonable action, a clear link to economic growth, and a plausible challenge.