

Trade's Two Sides

Compare competing arguments about globalization.

10.9b "Globalization is contentious, supported by some and criticized by others."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline statements that support globalization. Circle statements that criticize globalization, then use your marks to compare the arguments.

A Global T-Shirt

- ① Globalization links buyers, workers, businesses, and governments across borders. Consider a T-shirt designed in one country, sewn in Bangladesh, and sold worldwide. Supporters argue that trade can bring jobs and export income. Factory wages may exceed some local alternatives, and expanding business can generate public revenue for services. Consumers may gain lower prices and more choices. These are potential benefits, not guarantees for every worker, household, or country.
- ② Critics question how gains and burdens are divided. Brands may profit while factory workers face low pay or unsafe conditions. Moving orders to cheaper locations can weaken workers' bargaining power and threaten jobs. Factories use energy and water, and production and shipping can cause pollution. Heavy dependence on one export industry creates vulnerability when demand falls. Critics advocate labor protections, cleaner production, and sometimes more locally owned or sustainable activity. Some support international trade while opposing particular practices.
- ③ Rules shape outcomes. Supporters value the World Trade Organization's common rules for making trade more predictable. Critics worry that agreements restrict policies protecting new local industries or that disputes discourage regulation. WTO rules do allow environmental protections, subject to conditions intended to prevent disguised discrimination; disagreement concerns how those rules work in practice. Governments can enforce safety laws, workers can organize independent unions, and companies can require cleaner production. The debate asks who gains, who pays the costs, and how global exchange should be governed.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What are two benefits that supporters connect to global trade in the passage?

2 What are two concerns that critics raise about the effects of globalization on workers, businesses, or the environment?

3 How do supporters and critics differ in their views of common international trade rules?

4 Name two actions that workers, governments, or companies can take to influence globalization's outcomes. What problem could each action address?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

In three sentences, recommend whether a company should source garments from Bangladesh. Include one benefit, one risk, and two rules it should follow.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline statements that support globalization. Circle statements that criticize globalization, then use your marks to compare the arguments. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are two benefits that supporters connect to global trade in the passage?	Supporters connect trade to jobs and export income, as well as more consumer choices and lower prices.
2	What are two concerns that critics raise about the effects of globalization on workers, businesses, or the environment?	Critics cite low pay or unsafe factory conditions, reduced bargaining power, pollution, and dependence on one export industry.
3	How do supporters and critics differ in their views of common international trade rules?	Supporters value predictable common rules. Critics worry about restrictions on protecting new industries or disputes discouraging regulation. WTO rules nevertheless allow environmental protection under conditions.
4	Name two actions that workers, governments, or companies can take to influence globalization's outcomes. What problem could each action address?	Answers may include enforcing safety laws to address unsafe conditions, allowing independent unions to strengthen worker bargaining power, or requiring cleaner production to reduce environmental harm.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The company could source garments from Bangladesh to support jobs and export income, but low-price pressure can worsen working conditions. It should require independent safety inspections and respect workers' freedom to organize unions. These measures could improve working conditions, though responsible purchasing prices and enforcement would also matter.

Accept equivalent benefits, risks, and policy actions when they are supported by the passage. In the open response, look for a clear recommendation that includes both a benefit and a risk, plus at least two specific rules.