

Trade Connects Colombia

Read how resources, choices, and technology shape trade.

3.10b "World communities have needs, wants, and limited resources. To meet their needs and wants, communities trade with others. Technological developments in transportation and communication have influenced trade."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB As you read, underline products Colombia exports, circle products it imports, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside the three sentences that tell what to produce, how to produce it, and who gets it.

Colombia Trades With Others

- ① Colombia has mountains with rich soil and a climate that helps coffee plants grow. Many farmers grow coffee beans and cut flowers. Colombia sends these products to other communities. This is called exporting. The country cannot easily make every product people need or want, so it also buys some products from other places through trade.
- ② For example, Colombia imports machines that help make goods, buses, and wheat for bread. These imports help meet needs and wants that local resources may not supply. Farmers and businesses decide what to produce. They choose how goods will be made, such as by hand or with machines. They also decide who will get goods by selling to buyers.
- ③ Long ago, coffee traveled slowly by mule, boat, and train before it reached faraway buyers. Today, airplanes can move flowers quickly to distant buyers, and refrigerated cargo ships help keep foods fresh during long trips. Computers and phones let sellers share prices, place orders, and track deliveries. Faster transportation and communication can connect communities and make trade easier for people in many places.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Why does Colombia buy some products from other places?

2 Name two products Colombia exports and one product it imports.

3 What three choices do farmers and businesses make about goods?

4 How did newer transportation and communication tools change trade? Give one example of each.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Invent a community that trades with others. Write exactly four sentences that name its resource and export, an item it imports because it has limited resources, and a transportation or communication tool that helps its trade.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

As you read, underline products Colombia exports, circle products it imports, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside the three sentences that tell what to produce, how to produce it, and who gets it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does Colombia buy some products from other places?	Colombia cannot easily make every product people need or want because local resources may not supply them.
2	Name two products Colombia exports and one product it imports.	Exports include coffee beans and flowers. One import is machines, buses, or wheat.
3	What three choices do farmers and businesses make about goods?	They decide what to produce, how to make it, and who will get it.
4	How did newer transportation and communication tools change trade? Give one example of each.	Airplanes move flowers quickly, and refrigerated cargo ships help keep foods fresh. Computers or phones help sellers share prices, place orders, or track deliveries.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Palm Island has warm land for growing bananas, but it has few trees. Farmers export bananas to other communities. The island imports lumber to build homes. A refrigerated ship carries the bananas, and phones help sellers share orders.

Accept any logical trade plan that includes a local resource, an export, an import connected to limited resources, and a relevant transportation or communication tool. The community may be real or invented.