

Trade Between Towns

See how regions specialize and trade for what they need.

3.10.c “recognizing that because people and regions cannot produce everything they want, they specialize in what they do best and trade for the rest; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the goods each place does best. Circle the sentences that tell what Pine Valley and River Town trade, so you can see how each place gets what it cannot make as well.

Two Places, One Market

- ① At the Saturday market, families from Pine Valley brought apples, apple juice, and cider. The valley has rich soil, steady rain, and many apple trees. Its workers know how to grow and pack apples. Pine Valley could try to make all the items people want, but it does not have the right weather or materials for every job.
- ② Across the state, River Town has a fast river and a mill that turns wheat into flour. Bakers there have learned to make bread and crackers. River Town buys apples from Pine Valley. Pine Valley buys flour from River Town. Each place focuses on work it can do well, then trades for products made better in another place.
- ③ This exchange helps both regions use their time, land, and skills wisely. Pine Valley does not need to build a flour mill, and River Town does not need apple orchards. Specializing does not mean a place makes only one thing. It means the place puts extra effort into goods or services it does best and trades to get other needs and wants.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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What makes Pine Valley a good place to grow apples?

2

What work does River Town do especially well?

3

What does each region buy from the other region?

4

Why does Pine Valley not need to build a flour mill?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create two made-up regions that trade with each other. In each row, name a good the region does best and a good it trades for.

REGION	DOES BEST	TRADES FOR

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the goods each place does best. Circle the sentences that tell what Pine Valley and River Town trade, so you can see how each place gets what it cannot make as well. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What makes Pine Valley a good place to grow apples?	Pine Valley has rich soil, steady rain, many apple trees, and workers who know how to grow and pack apples.
2	What work does River Town do especially well?	River Town turns wheat into flour and makes bread and crackers.
3	What does each region buy from the other region?	River Town buys apples from Pine Valley. Pine Valley buys flour from River Town.
4	Why does Pine Valley not need to build a flour mill?	Pine Valley can focus on apples and trade with River Town for flour.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

REGION	DOES BEST	TRADES FOR
Lake Shore	fish	wool sweaters
Hill Farm	wool sweaters	fish

Accept any realistic pair of regions that specialize in different goods or services and trade with each other. The traded-for goods should match the other region's specialty.