

Location or Trade?

Sort facts about where work happens and how goods move.

WG.10.d "explaining important economic characteristics, including the distribution of economic activities and global trade."

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ECONOMIC LOCATION

Economic location tells where an economic activity is found or concentrated. It may name a region known for a type of work or resource.

Most of Canada's oil extraction takes place in Alberta.

GLOBAL TRADE

Global trade tells about goods or services moving between countries. Look for buying, selling, importing, or exporting across borders.

Japan sells cars to Australia.

1 SORT

8 items

For each item, circle LOCATION or TRADE, then choose two items and explain which clues helped you sort them.

1. Coffee farms cluster in Colombia's mountain regions.

LOCATION

TRADE

2. South Korea exports smartphones to Mexico.

LOCATION

TRADE

3. Kenya imports fertilizer from Morocco.

LOCATION

TRADE

4. Silicon Valley has many technology companies.

LOCATION

TRADE

5. Rice growing is concentrated in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.

LOCATION

TRADE

6. Norway sells salmon to France.

LOCATION

TRADE

7. Many financial services are located in London.

LOCATION

TRADE

8. Copper mining is concentrated in northern Chile.

LOCATION

TRADE

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PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new LOCATION example and one new TRADE example.

LOCATION _____

TRADE _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about one country or region. Include one LOCATION fact and one TRADE fact, and underline the clue words that show each category.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Coffee farms cluster in Colombia's mountain regions.	LOCATION	This identifies where coffee farming is concentrated.
2	South Korea exports smartphones to Mexico.	TRADE	Smartphones move from one country to another.
3	Kenya imports fertilizer from Morocco.	TRADE	Fertilizer is bought across an international border.
4	Silicon Valley has many technology companies.	LOCATION	This identifies a place where technology work is concentrated.
5	Rice growing is concentrated in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.	LOCATION	This tells where rice growing occurs.
6	Norway sells salmon to France.	TRADE	Salmon moves between two countries through trade.
7	Many financial services are located in London.	LOCATION	This identifies where financial services are concentrated.
8	Copper mining is concentrated in northern Chile.	LOCATION	This tells where copper mining occurs.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **LOCATION:** Textile factories are concentrated in Bangladesh.
- **TRADE:** Brazil exports soybeans to China.

Challenge: Chile grows grapes in its central valleys. Chile exports grapes to the United States.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify location words such as "cluster," "concentrated," or "located," and trade words such as "imports," "exports," "sells," or names of two countries. Student-created examples may vary if they accurately show either where an activity is concentrated or goods moving between countries.