

Trade Tracker

Track goods moving between countries.

WG.4.d "explaining important economic characteristics, including the distribution of economic activities and global trade."

NAME _____

DATE _____

IMPORT

An import is a good or service a country buys from another country. It moves into the buying country.

A restaurant in Spain purchases olives from Morocco.

EXPORT

An export is a good or service a country sells to another country. It moves out of the selling country.

Thailand ships rice to New Zealand.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle IMPORTED or EXPORTED for each item, then pick two items and explain how the movement of goods helped you decide.

1. Brazil buys sneakers made in Vietnam.

IMPORTED

EXPORTED

2. Egypt buys wheat from Ukraine.

IMPORTED

EXPORTED

3. Chile sends copper to India.

IMPORTED

EXPORTED

4. Australia buys solar panels made in China.

IMPORTED

EXPORTED

5. Kenya sells tea to the United Kingdom.

IMPORTED

EXPORTED

6. Canada sells lumber to South Korea.

IMPORTED

EXPORTED

7. Norway buys cars from Germany.

IMPORTED

EXPORTED

8. Mexico buys medical equipment from Switzerland.

IMPORTED

EXPORTED

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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 _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of an import and one new example of an export.

IMPORTED _____

EXPORTED _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one export example and write two sentences explaining how producing that good could affect where jobs are located in the exporting country.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Brazil buys sneakers made in Vietnam.	IMPORTED	Brazil is buying goods made in another country.
2	Egypt buys wheat from Ukraine.	IMPORTED	Egypt is bringing wheat into the country from Ukraine.
3	Chile sends copper to India.	EXPORTED	Chile is selling copper to another country.
4	Australia buys solar panels made in China.	IMPORTED	Australia is buying goods produced in China.
5	Kenya sells tea to the United Kingdom.	EXPORTED	Kenya is sending tea out to a buyer in another country.
6	Canada sells lumber to South Korea.	EXPORTED	Canada is selling lumber to South Korea.
7	Norway buys cars from Germany.	IMPORTED	Norway is buying cars from Germany.
8	Mexico buys medical equipment from Switzerland.	IMPORTED	Mexico is bringing goods in from Switzerland.

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)

- **IMPORTED:** Import: Italy buys oranges from Greece.
- **EXPORTED:** Export: Indonesia sells rubber to Turkey.

Challenge: Chile's copper exports can create mining jobs near copper deposits. They can also create transportation and port jobs along routes to India.

For Part 2, students should identify which country is buying or selling and explain whether the good moves into or out of that country. Accept other accurate import and export examples in Part 3.