Trade Trail Tracker

Follow goods as they cross national borders.

WG.5.d "explaining important economic characteristics, including the distribution of economic activities and global trade."

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EXPORTING

A country is exporting when it sends goods or services to another country to sell.

Thailand sells rice to Singapore.

IMPORTING

A country is importing when it buys goods or services from another country.

Mexico purchases medical equipment from Germany.

1 SORT

8 items

For each statement, circle whether the first country named is EXPORTING or IMPORTING, then choose two statements and explain the trade clue that helped you decide.

1.	Brazil sends coffee to Canada for sale.	EXPORTING / IMPORTING
2.	Japan ships cars to Australia.	EXPORTING / IMPORTING
3.	Italy purchases natural gas from Algeria.	EXPORTING / IMPORTING
4.	Chile delivers copper to China.	EXPORTING / IMPORTING
5.	Egypt buys wheat from Russia.	EXPORTING / IMPORTING
6.	Vietnam buys cotton from the United States.	EXPORTING / IMPORTING
7.	Norway sends salmon to France for sale.	EXPORTING / IMPORTING
8.	Canada ships lumber to the United States.	EXPORTING / IMPORTING

2 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** ______________________________

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new trade example for EXPORTING and one new trade example for IMPORTING. Name the country and product in each example.

EXPORTING ______________________________

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IMPORTING ______________________________

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CHALLENGE

Write one trade statement that names both countries, then label which country exports and which country imports.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Brazil sends coffee to Canada for sale.	**EXPORTING**	Brazil sends coffee to another country, so it is exporting.
2	Japan ships cars to Australia.	**EXPORTING**	Japan sends cars abroad, so it is exporting.
3	Italy purchases natural gas from Algeria.	**IMPORTING**	Italy buys a product from another country, so it is importing.
4	Chile delivers copper to China.	**EXPORTING**	Chile sends copper to China, so it is exporting.
5	Egypt buys wheat from Russia.	**IMPORTING**	Egypt buys wheat from another country, so it is importing.
6	Vietnam buys cotton from the United States.	**IMPORTING**	Vietnam receives a product from abroad by buying it, so it is importing.
7	Norway sends salmon to France for sale.	**EXPORTING**	Norway sends salmon to another country, so it is exporting.
8	Canada ships lumber to the United States.	**EXPORTING**	Canada sends lumber abroad, so it is exporting.

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)

- **EXPORTING**: Peru sends grapes to the United States for sale.
- **IMPORTING**: The United Kingdom buys bananas from Colombia.

Challenge: New Zealand sends dairy products to Indonesia, so New Zealand exports and Indonesia imports.

For Part 2, look for evidence that the first country sends or sells a product abroad for exporting, or buys a product from abroad for importing. Part 3 and challenge answers may vary, but each should name a country, a product, and a clear international trade direction.