Trade Direction Detectives

Part 2: Pick two items, then explain the trade direction that proves each choice.

WG.6.d “explaining important economic characteristics, including the distribution of economic activities and global trade.”

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IMPORTS	**EXPORTS**
Imports are goods a country brings in from another country. The buying country is importing.	Exports are goods a country sends to another country. The selling country is exporting.
The United Kingdom brings in wine from France.	New Zealand sends dairy products to China.

1 SORT

8 items

Part 1: Read each trade statement and circle IMPORTS or EXPORTS for the country named first.

1. South Korea sells smartphones to Mexico. IMPORTS EXPORTS
2. Italy buys natural gas from Algeria. IMPORTS EXPORTS
3. Canada buys bananas from Ecuador. IMPORTS EXPORTS
4. Brazil sells coffee to Germany. IMPORTS EXPORTS
5. Norway sells salmon to France. IMPORTS EXPORTS
6. India buys crude oil from Saudi Arabia. IMPORTS EXPORTS
7. Kenya sells cut flowers to the Netherlands. IMPORTS EXPORTS
8. Australia sells iron ore to China. IMPORTS EXPORTS

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

Part 3: Write one new IMPORTS example and one new EXPORTS example. Name the country that brings in or sends out the goods.

IMPORTS ______________________________

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EXPORTS ______________________________

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CHALLENGE

Write one two-country trade statement that includes both an import and an export. Mark the import with I and the export with E.

ANSWER KEY **Trade Direction Detectives**

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	South Korea sells smartphones to Mexico.	**EXPORTS**	South Korea sends smartphones to another country.
2	Italy buys natural gas from Algeria.	**IMPORTS**	Italy brings natural gas into its country.
3	Canada buys bananas from Ecuador.	**IMPORTS**	Canada brings bananas into its country.
4	Brazil sells coffee to Germany.	**EXPORTS**	Brazil sends coffee to another country.
5	Norway sells salmon to France.	**EXPORTS**	Norway sends salmon to another country.
6	India buys crude oil from Saudi Arabia.	**IMPORTS**	India brings crude oil into its country.
7	Kenya sells cut flowers to the Netherlands.	**EXPORTS**	Kenya sends cut flowers to another country.
8	Australia sells iron ore to China.	**EXPORTS**	Australia sends iron ore to another country.

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)

- **IMPORTS**: Spain imports machinery from Germany.
- **EXPORTS**: Colombia exports bananas to the United Kingdom.

Challenge: I: Mexico imports wheat from the United States. E: Mexico exports avocados to Japan.

For Part 2, students should identify whether the first country brings goods in or sends goods out. Accept accurate examples that clearly name a country, a good, and the direction of trade.