Trade Flow Detectives

Sort global trade by the country's role.

WG.7.d "explaining important economic characteristics, including the distribution of economic activities and global trade."

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EXPORT

An export is a product that a country sells to another country. The product leaves the selling country.

Japan sells video game consoles to Australia.

IMPORT

An import is a product that a country buys from another country. The product enters the buying country.

Kenya buys wind turbines from Denmark.

1 SORT

8 items

For each trade statement, circle EXPORTS or IMPORTS, then choose two items and explain how you knew the answer.

1. For Mexico, selling avocados to Japan. EXPORTS IMPORTS
2. For Egypt, buying machines from Germany. EXPORTS IMPORTS
3. For Indonesia, selling rubber to India. EXPORTS IMPORTS
4. For Norway, buying rice from Thailand. EXPORTS IMPORTS
5. For Vietnam, buying aircraft from France. EXPORTS IMPORTS
6. For Chile, selling copper to South Korea. EXPORTS IMPORTS
7. For Nigeria, selling cocoa to Italy. EXPORTS IMPORTS
8. For Morocco, buying natural gas from Algeria. EXPORTS IMPORTS

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 example of an export and one new example of an import. Name the countries and product in each example.

EXPORTS ______________________________

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IMPORTS ______________________________

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CHALLENGE

Choose one shipment from your examples. Explain how it is an export for one country and an import for the other country.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	For Mexico, selling avocados to Japan.	**EXPORTS**	Mexico is selling the product to another country.
2	For Egypt, buying machines from Germany.	**IMPORTS**	Egypt is buying a product from another country.
3	For Indonesia, selling rubber to India.	**EXPORTS**	Indonesia is selling the product to another country.
4	For Norway, buying rice from Thailand.	**IMPORTS**	Norway is buying a product from another country.
5	For Vietnam, buying aircraft from France.	**IMPORTS**	Vietnam is buying a product from another country.
6	For Chile, selling copper to South Korea.	**EXPORTS**	Chile is selling the product to another country.
7	For Nigeria, selling cocoa to Italy.	**EXPORTS**	Nigeria is selling the product to another country.
8	For Morocco, buying natural gas from Algeria.	**IMPORTS**	Morocco is buying a product from 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)

- **EXPORTS**: Export: Canada sells lumber to China.
- **IMPORTS**: Import: Peru buys medical supplies from Brazil.

Challenge: When Canada sells lumber to China, lumber is an export for Canada because Canada sells it. It is an import for China because China buys it.

Answers in order: EXPORTS, IMPORTS, EXPORTS, IMPORTS, IMPORTS, EXPORTS, EXPORTS, IMPORTS. In Prove It responses, look for students to identify whether the named country is selling or buying the product.