Trade Trail

Sort goods moving out of or into a country.

WG.8.d "explaining important economic characteristics, including the distribution of economic activities and global trade."

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EXPORTS

Exports are goods or services a country sells to another country. They move out of the selling country.

Mexico sells automobiles to Argentina.

IMPORTS

Imports are goods or services a country buys from another country. They move into the buying country.

Singapore buys medical equipment from Switzerland.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the category for each statement, then choose two statements and explain how each shows an export or an import.

1. Brazil sells orange juice to the Netherlands. EXPORTS IMPORTS
2. Iceland sells fish to the United Kingdom. EXPORTS IMPORTS
3. Italy buys cocoa beans from Ghana. EXPORTS IMPORTS
4. Thailand sells rice to South Africa. EXPORTS IMPORTS
5. Turkey buys natural gas from Azerbaijan. EXPORTS IMPORTS
6. The United States buys coffee from Colombia. EXPORTS IMPORTS
7. Peru sells copper to China. EXPORTS IMPORTS
8. Australia sells wool to India. 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.

EXPORTS ____

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IMPORTS ____

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CHALLENGE

Write two sentences explaining how trade can lead different regions to specialize in different economic activities.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Brazil sells orange juice to the Netherlands.	**EXPORTS**	Brazil is selling a product to another country.
2	Iceland sells fish to the United Kingdom.	**EXPORTS**	Iceland is sending a product out to a buyer in another country.
3	Italy buys cocoa beans from Ghana.	**IMPORTS**	Italy is buying a product from another country.
4	Thailand sells rice to South Africa.	**EXPORTS**	Thailand is selling a product abroad.
5	Turkey buys natural gas from Azerbaijan.	**IMPORTS**	Turkey is bringing a product into its country.
6	The United States buys coffee from Colombia.	**IMPORTS**	The United States is purchasing a good from another country.
7	Peru sells copper to China.	**EXPORTS**	Peru is selling a product to another country.
8	Australia sells wool to India.	**EXPORTS**	Australia is sending a product out to an overseas buyer.

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**: Ecuador sells bananas to Spain.
- **IMPORTS**: France buys tea from Sri Lanka.

Challenge: A country may export a product it can make efficiently, such as coffee grown in a suitable climate. It may import products that are scarce at home, so economic activities are distributed among regions.

Answers: 1 EXPORTS, 2 EXPORTS, 3 IMPORTS, 4 EXPORTS, 5 IMPORTS, 6 IMPORTS, 7 EXPORTS, 8 EXPORTS. For Part 2, look for an explanation that identifies the country selling as the exporter or the country buying as the importer.