

TRADE AND DISTRIBUTION

Vocabulary

Distribution: The way in which something is shared out among a group or spread over an area. **Import:** To bring goods into a country from abroad for sale. **Export:** Sending goods to another country for sale. **Trade:** The action of buying and selling goods. **Fairtrade:** An arrangement which aims to ensure that farmers get a fair price for their goods.

What is Trade?

- Trade is an important way to make sure that natural resources are shared around the world.
- Countries can export goods to another country to generate money. They can also import goods that may not be available in their own country.
- Trade has been happening around the world for hundreds of years and goods are carried around the world by container ships and planes.
- There are many things that we enjoy because of our trade links with other countries.

Our Imports

Many of the things we import are from countries that have different weather to us and can grow different plants successfully.

Chocolate comes from the cocoa plant which grows in tropical climates. So for us to enjoy chocolate we have to buy it from other countries.

Coffee comes from a plant which grows between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and as the U.K. drinks around 70 million cups of coffee a day there is a demand for it to be imported.

Fairtrade

Many items we enjoy can be fairtrade but this often means they cost more to buy. However, buying Fairtrade items helps to support those involved in the farming process. Growing cocoa for chocolate is a difficult task but Fairtrade is making it more sustainable.



FAIRTRADE

Trade Links

The U.K. imports from and exports to many different countries. Over 50% of our trade is with European countries but have strong trade links with Asia and Australia.