



Y5 Geography – Trade and Distribution

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 and they can also import good 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.

Fairtrade

Fairtrade is an arrangement which aims to ensure that farmers get a fair price for their goods.

Many items we enjoy can be Fairtrade but this often means it costs more to buy.

However, buying Fairtrade items helps to support those involved in the farming process. Growing cocoa for chocolate is a difficult tasks but Fairtrade is making It more sustainable.

You can also buy Fairtrade bananas and coffee which support the farmers involved in growing, harvesting and trading these.



FAIRTRADE



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 do we import?

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 UK drinks around 70 million cups of coffee a day there is a high demand for it to be imported.

Who do we trade with?

The UK 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.



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