

Summary: Trading Goods

Regions Trade

Different agricultural regions in the world grow different crops. People trade with each other to get products they cannot get in their regions. They often trade with each other to buy and sell goods at lower costs, too. For example, many farmers in Tennessee grow corn. Other regions don't grow corn. Tennessee farmers export corn to these regions. Exporting helps producers sell more goods and services than they could sell in their country. Producers also import goods and services. Importing gives consumers more choices at lower prices.

Trading Partners

When two or more nations depend on one another for trade, they may become trading partners. The United States and China are trading partners. People in China and the United States import and export goods to each other. They use ships and airplanes to move the goods between the two countries.

Both China and the United States have different industrial regions, or regions where manufacturing is the main economic activity. Trade between the two countries has led to more industry in China. China makes and exports many computers and technology products to the United States. Many American technology companies have set up businesses in China. The importing and exporting of technology products helped the world economy to grow.



Before You Read

Find and underline each vocabulary word.

trade *verb*, to buy and sell goods and services

export *verb*, to sell goods or services to people in another country

import *verb*, to buy goods or services from sellers in other countries

manufacturing *noun*, the making of products with machines

industry *noun*, another word for manufacturing



After You Read

REVIEW Why do companies export goods? Highlight the sentence that answers the question.

REVIEW In what ways has trading with the United States changed China? Circle the sentence that answers the question.