



TEACHER GUIDE

The teacher will give a brief description of the concept of importing and exporting. Students will play a matching game to reinforce the information. After the game, the teacher will lead a class discussion about what the students learned about importing and exporting from the game. The activity will culminate with the students writing a brief paragraph that explains the reason for importing/exporting using the terms import, export, trade, scarcity, and surplus.

1. Create the import/export chart for the overhead. Display the chart while discussing with the class the terms and how it works.
2. Print the dark-orange cards and light-orange cards. Cut out and hand one dark-orange card and one light-orange card to each student. Students will collect the import card they need and give away the export card. Explain to them they should import what they need that is scarce and export the item that they have in surplus. Have them complete the game by moving among their peers to find their matches.
3. Once all matches have been made, regroup as a class and discuss the findings of the game. Reinforce the terms and purposes of importing/exporting.
4. Leaving the overhead chart for students to view, ask them to write a short paragraph. The paragraph should include the following:
 - Description of the concept of trade.
 - Explanation of what importing is and why countries import products (students should mention scarcity).
 - Explanation of what exporting is and why countries export products (students should mention surplus).



IMPORTS/EXPORTS

TRADE: The act of buying, selling, or exchanging goods.

SCARCITY: Shortness of supply. Something is needed.

SURPLUS: When you have too much of something.

IMPORT: To bring in products from a foreign country.

EXPORT: To ship out products to other countries,
exit the country.

EXAMPLE: The United States has a surplus of soybeans. We have more than we need to use. Soybeans are scarce in Mexico so they need more. To help each other, the United States and Mexico trade soybeans for money. Mexico gives the United States money for the soybeans. The soybeans exit the United States and go into Mexico. Mexico imports the soybeans and the United States exports them.

Export Cards

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: SOYBEANS
IMPORT: DVDs

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: MEDICINE
IMPORT: TOYS

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: AIRPLANES
IMPORT: CARS

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: SOY OIL
IMPORT: COMPUTER
PARTS

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: SOY MEAL
IMPORT: CLOTHING

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: FERTILIZER
IMPORT: HOUSEHOLD
APPLIANCES

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: COTTON
IMPORT: IRON

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: CHEMICALS
IMPORT: ENGINE PARTS

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: PLASTIC
IMPORT: NATURAL GAS

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: COAL
IMPORT: FURNITURE

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: TRACTORS
IMPORT: STEELMAKING
MATERIALS

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: CORN
IMPORT: PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: MEAT
IMPORT: PESTICIDES

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: COPPER
IMPORT: FOOTWEAR

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT
IMPORT: JEWELRY

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: BARLEY
IMPORT: VEGETABLES

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: WHEAT
IMPORT: RUBBER

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: TRUCKS
IMPORT: ALUMINUM

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: ORGANIC
CHEMICALS
IMPORT: MACHINE
TOOLS

UNITED STATES

EXPORT: PRECIOUS
METALS
IMPORT: TESTING
INSTRUMENTS

Import Cards

MEXICO

EXPORT: DVDs
IMPORT: SOYBEAN

CHINA

EXPORT: TOYS
IMPORT: MEDICINE

JAPAN

EXPORT: CARS
IMPORT: AIRPLANES

TAIWAN

EXPORT: COMPUTER
PARTS
IMPORT: SOY OIL

INDIA

EXPORT: CLOTHING
IMPORT: SOY MEAL

BRAZIL

EXPORT: HOUSEHOLD
APPLIANCES
IMPORT: FERTILIZER

TURKEY

EXPORT: IRON
IMPORT: COTTON

GERMANY

EXPORT: ENGINE PARTS
IMPORT: CHEMICALS

CANADA

EXPORT: NATURAL GAS
IMPORT: PLASTIC

POLAND

EXPORT: FURNITURE
IMPORT: COAL

RUSSIA

EXPORT: STEELMAKING
MATERIALS
IMPORT: TRACTORS

SOUTH KOREA

EXPORT: PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS
IMPORT: CORN

RUSSIA

EXPORT: PESTICIDES
IMPORT: MEAT

CHINA

EXPORT: FOOTWEAR
IMPORT: COPPER

ITALY

EXPORT: JEWELRY
IMPORT: MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT

SPAIN

EXPORT: VEGETABLES
IMPORT: BARLEY

INDONESIA

EXPORT: RUBBER
IMPORT: WHEAT

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Export



GRADES
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Lined writing area for student responses.

IL State Learning Standards Late Elementary English/Language Arts 1B2a, 1B2c, 1C2a, 3A2, 3B2a, 3B2b, 3B2c, 3B2d, 4A2a, 4A2b, 4A2c, 4B2b. Social Science 15A2a, 15B2a, 15B2c, 15C2b, 15D2a



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