

Geography lesson 6

Trade (continued)

Definition

The definition of trade is 'the buying and selling of goods and services we want and need'. It involves an exchange of goods (and/or services) in return for other goods and services or money.

There are different **scales** of trade.

local

national

international

local

When you trade with someone nearby.

Examples:

You swap a pokemon card with a friend.

A gardener sells a bag of carrots that he grew to a neighbour.

national

When people buy , swap or sell to others in the same country.

Examples:

You buy a British apple from a supermarket. The apple has come from another part of the country.

You sell your old Playstation games on Ebay to someone who lives in another town.

international

When businesses buy, swap or sell to other countries.

Examples:

Clothes you can buy in Primark are made in other countries like Bangladesh.

Lots of foods sold in supermarkets are made or grown in other countries.

- In this lesson we are going to focus on **international trade**.

Before we dive deeper, let's revise the vocabulary we'll need. Can you match the words on the left to the definitions on the right?

trade

Something that is sent out to another country.

international

Something that has been brought in from another country.

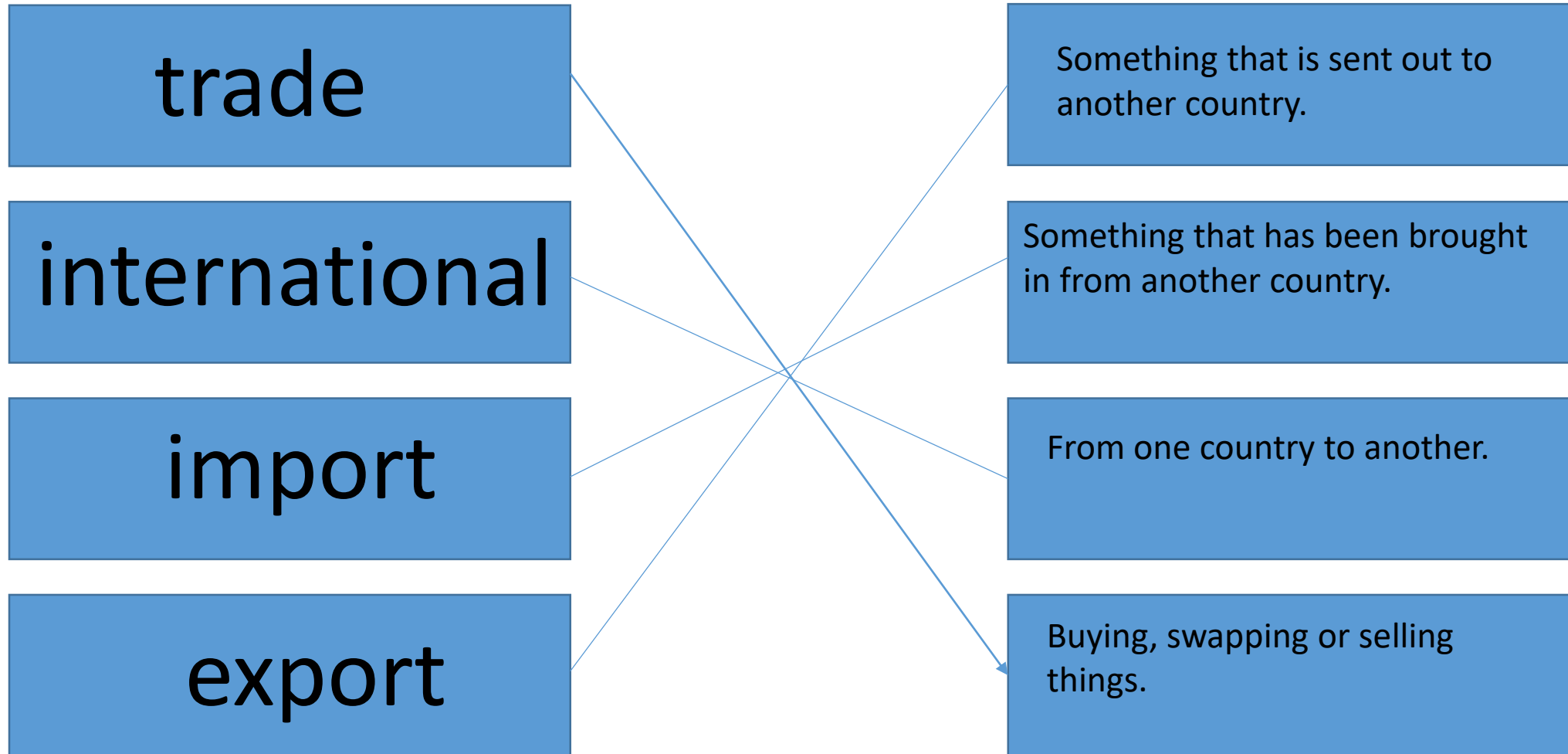
import

From one country to another.

export

Buying, swapping or selling things.

- ANSWERS





Most imports and exports travel from one country to another on huge ships like this one. Those coloured boxes you can see in the picture are called **shipping containers**. They look small in the picture, but each one is actually the size of a room in a house, and packed with products like food, electronic equipment or toys.

If you order something from another country on Ebay, you have to pay **shipping** costs. This is why!



Here are some shipping containers up close. You can see how big they are.

In fact, they're so big that some people convert old shipping containers into houses.



What does the UK import?

- The answer is **lots of things!**
- Everything we want and need cannot always be produced in the UK, so we need to import these things from other countries around the world.
- For example, lots of us like to eat oranges. The climate in the UK is too cold for oranges to grow here, so we have to import them from other countries.

Challenge:

- Look at the labels on the food in your kitchen to find out where it was produced. Fill in the table. How many different countries can you find?

Food item	Imported from

This bar chart shows the top 10 things that the UK exports. Answer the questions on the sheet by referring to the bar chart.

What we sell

Top 10 products

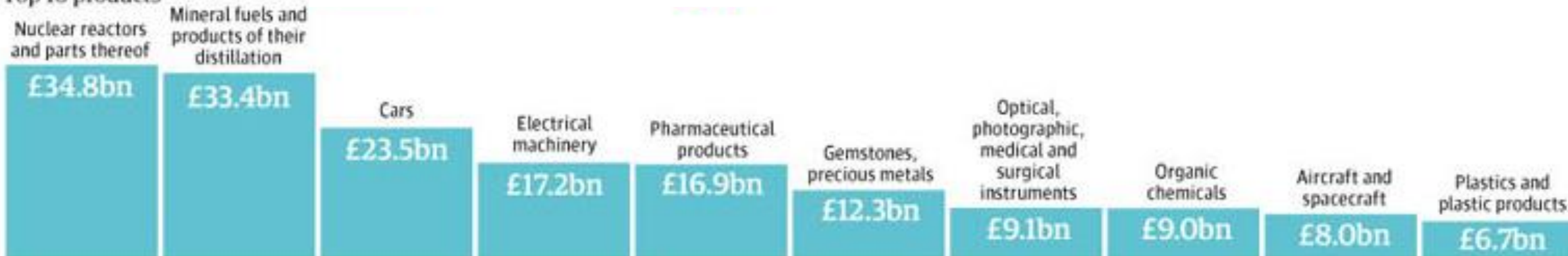


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Which product makes the UK £8 billion a year?	
Why do you think there are no food products in the top ten exports?	

ANSWERS

What we sell

Top 10 products



What is the UK's top export?	Nuclear reactors and parts
How much money does the UK make each year by selling cars to other countries?	£23.5 billion
Which product makes the UK £8 billion a year?	Aircraft and spacecraft
Why do you think there are no food products in the top ten exports?	The UK is too cold and too small to grow a large range of crops.