

# Year 4 Geography

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International trade - Natural Resources

Recall:

- 1) What are the main benefits for international trade?
- 2) What are food miles?
- 3) What is meant by food security?

Recall:

What are the main benefits for trading food internationally?

- A country can make money by exporting foods
- Some countries can't grow certain foods because of their climate and landscape.

What are food miles?

Food miles are the distance a food travels to reach a particular country.

What is meant by food security?

Food security describes how capable a country is of growing or importing enough food for its population.

International trade of natural resources refers to all of the land, forests, energy sources and minerals existing naturally that can be used by people. Humans and other life forms depend on natural resources to survive.

Why might the trade of international resources be important to a country?

## Reasons:

- Exporting natural resources can make a lot of money for a country, particularly metals and fuel.
- Some resources are found in **abundance** in some countries whilst others have none. Countries without need to import the materials they need to survive.

abundance = a very large quantity

**What do you think are the most common natural resources?**

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of blue, ranging from light sky blue to deep navy blue. The shapes are primarily triangles and polygons, creating a dynamic, layered effect on the right side of the slide.

## Common natural resources



**Water:** producing electricity, drinking water, fishing



**Oil:** fuel for transport, heating, producing electricity



**Forests:** wood, food, paper, medicine, cotton, rubber



**Rocks:** construction, shelter



**Minerals:** jewellery, glass, metal objects, ceramics



**Soils:** agriculture



**Animals:** food, clothing (wool, leather, etc.)

This is a map of where most of the worlds oil is produced. Oil is an important natural resource for fuel. The middle east is the worlds largest producer of oil. The larger the circle, the more oil is produced.

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## What benefits does a country or region that has lots of oil have? Answers

- The country has the potential to make lots of money by exporting the fuel to other countries.
- They don't need to buy the oil as an import and have lots for their own country.

The world map below details where Nickle and Copper (metals) can be mined from the ground. These two metals are used to make batteries for electrical devices. What devices can you think of that require batteries?



Possible answers:

Calculators

Torches

Phones

Laptops

Toys

Electric Cars/Buses

Below are some videos to watch about a mine called the Eagle Mine located in Michigan, North America. In the videos, you will learn about how Nickle and Copper are extracted from the ground. If you don't want to watch all of them, make sure you watch the first one.

<https://youtu.be/62-yS0uXBb0>

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