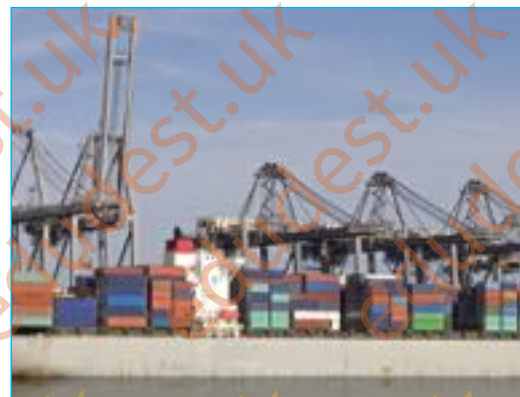


Trading Places!

Southampton Port's role in global trade

Student Introduction

- ▶ This activity is a study into trade between Southampton Port and other parts of the world.
- ▶ You will also look at the variety of different vessels using Southampton Water, current port facilities and the types of trade that go through Southampton docks as well as global trading routes.



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A large cargo vessel docked at Southampton's eastern docks in May 2015.

What is "Trade"?

Any ideas what this term might mean? The words in the box will help you to write your sentence...

Movement	Goods	Producers	Consumers
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Why trade?

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Why do we trade? Why does trade occur? Put the following sentences into the correct order to explain!

For example, Ghana specialises in cocoa farming because its physical geography creates the ideal conditions for the beans to grow.

The income provided by the sale (**export**) of these goods/products can be used to 'buy in' (**import**) goods which cannot be produced efficiently, if at all, by the country.

A country will specialise in activities for which it is best equipped, in terms of natural resources / technology.

In this way trade is essentially a way of balancing out what can and cannot be produced by a country and, because different countries are able to produce some goods but not others, we trade with one another to get what we need.

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How do we trade?

- » In what ways are traded goods transported between countries?
- » Work with a partner to fill in as many ideas as you can around this spider diagram... don't forget about "invisible" trade such as financial trading!



Do we trade fairly?

In a perfect world, trade would be an even playing field and countries would be able to trade with one another fairly and freely. However, in reality, world trade is dominated by the more developed parts of the world: North America, Europe and Eastern Asia.



Trading blocs are powerful, and they can make it difficult for 'outsiders' to join in. They encourage trade within the bloc and create barriers to outsiders by imposing taxes and tariffs on them.

Other organisations also exist to promote and control trade of certain types, e.g. OPEC which controls the oil market. Thankfully, some also help to make trade fairer, such as the Fairtrade Foundation and the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

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Southampton's role in world trade

Southampton is a city in the county of Hampshire on the south coast of England. There has been a settlement here since the Stone Age, and it has grown and developed since then into a major city with an estimated population of 253,651 (Office of National Statistics).

Its physical geography has enabled the development of a thriving port. Extensive flat land, ideal for development, lies alongside one of the south coast's largest and deepest *Rias* - a river valley that was flooded when sea levels rose at the end of the last ice age.

Southampton Water is naturally wide, deep and fairly straight, allowing even the largest vessels to navigate up and down it from the English Channel via the Solent.



Today, the port of Southampton is an international transport hub, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

It is the UK's premier international maritime gateway, and everything from sailing yachts to oil tankers, ferries, cargo ships and cruise liners make their way up and down Southampton Water each day. The port handles about 14 million tonnes of cargo every year and contributes around £1 billion to the economy.

TASK

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You are going to carry out an independent research activity to find out exactly what types of trade occur here by looking at the web page on the link below for Associated British Ports.



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Investigate each section, then complete the following table:

Category	Description
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RoRo	
Containers	
Dry Bulks	
Fresh Produce / Perishables	
Liquid Bulks	
Off-shore Wind / Renewables	

ON THE FERRY

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Ship Spotting! Your ferry journey across to the Isle of Wight (or home again) will take you along Southampton Water and across the Solent.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see a wide range of different vessels, and the observations you make will enable you to gain an appreciation for the wide range of trading activities which are going through the port. There is a large table for you to complete during your crossing.

Read these instructions carefully before starting the activity.

1. There are a lot of pictures of different types of vessels on the following pages. Match each picture with its 'type' by putting the correct letter into the table which follows.
2. You will notice from the table that the vessels are organised into categories - can you think of a suitable 'category name' for each section? There's an example to help you.

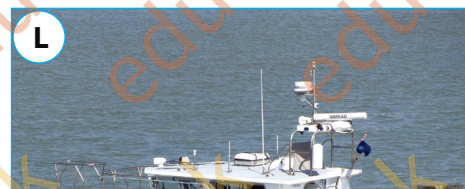
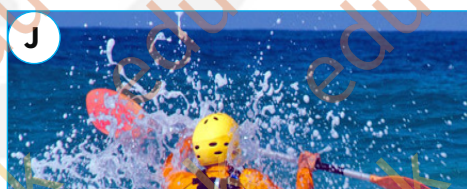
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5. Then use the graph template to draw www.edudest.uk and types of vessels that you counted on your trip.





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Category	Vessel Types	Picture Letter	Tally
?	Police Boat		
	Harbour Patrol		
	Light Boat		
	?		
Passenger Transport	Ferry		
	Hovercraft		
	Cruise		
	Catamaran		

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?	Jet Ski		
	Kayak		
	Speedboat		
	Sailing Boat		
	RIB		
	Small Leisure Craft		
	?		
?	Oil Tanker		
	Tug		
	Dredger		
	?		
Military	Naval Ship		
	?		
Fishing	Trawler		
	?		
Historical	Galleon		
	?		

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Post-Visit Activity: Vessel Movements

You are going to find out about vessel movements into and out of Southampton Port - where do they all go to and come from?

The “Vessel Traffic Services” (VTS) part of the ABP website gives a great deal of information about the movement of vessels of all types in to the port, within the port, and those leaving. This information is live, so that all current and expected movements can be seen. It is refreshed regularly throughout the day, 365 days a year.



Departures to the Isle of Wight		
Destination	Slot Time	Est. Time
West Coast	12:45	
East Coast	13:00	
West Coast	13:45	
East Coast	14:00	
West Coast	14:45	
East Coast	15:00	
West Coast	15:45	
East Coast	16:00	
West Coast	16:45	
East Coast	17:00	
West Coast	17:45	

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By exploring the VTS website you will find out all about trading routes and partners. You can view:

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- Planned movements
- Vessels alongside
- Vessels underway
- Vessels sailed
- The cruise ship schedule

‘Ships at anchor’ are also listed but these are anchored offshore, outside of the port, awaiting their ‘slot’.

TASK: Group Activity

Your teacher will divide you into groups. Each group will look at a different section from the bullets listed above. On a world map, you will mark the origin and destination locations for your section, by placing a dot accurately on the map and writing the location's name alongside it.

The groups will then be reorganised so that each group contains 5 people; one from each of the sections above and with a completed map showing data for their section.

On a large world map, you will now transfer all of your combined information so that you have a map showing the various trading partners all over the world. Using the completed map, each group will write a conclusion and a short presentation to summarise what you have learned about trade. Talk about topics such as:

- What trade is, and why we trade
- The background to Southampton Port and the variety of trade that takes place through the port
- The variety of vessels that you observed from the ferry, and how this provides evidence for the variety of trade taking place
- A summary of your map-based evidence showing trading links and partners across the world.



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