

China connection



Focus Questions

1. Discuss the *China connection* story with another student.
2. What did China build many years ago to protect its borders?
3. Which country has the fastest growing economy in the world?
4. What sorts of products are made in China?
5. What raw materials does China buy from Australia?
6. Is it important for Australia to have a good trading relationship with China? Why?
7. Why are products made in China cheap?
8. If the amount Chinese workers are paid increases, so will _____.
9. Why are some people concerned about the 'health' of China's economy?
10. What do you understand more clearly since watching the BtN story?

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Learning Area

Society and
Environment

Key learning

Students will develop a deeper understanding of Australia's trading relationship with China and other countries.

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Watch the China connection story again and discuss the key points with students. Clarify their understanding of the importance of Australia's trading relationship with China.

Complete the following close exercise

China has become the _____ biggest _____ in the world. The more products China produces the more raw _____ they need to Make them. A huge amount of those raw materials comes straight from _____. China buys more of our _____ than any other country. Last year they bought more than _____ dollars worth of materials, including _____, coal and gas. That's _____ of all the money Australia earns, so they're incredibly _____ to us.

iron ore third economy 20 percent materials Australia important products 42 billion

Students can choose one or more of the following activities:

Students define the terms; trade, imports, exports, economy.

Explore the home and school environment to find products made overseas. Sort the products into categories – electrical, sporting, clothing, footwear and record their country of origin. Where were most goods manufactured?

On a world map, locate and highlight the top five countries that Australia exports goods to. There are some web links at the end of this activity to support students.

What is the 'Free Trade Agreement' between Australia and China? Create a poster that explains to other students the agreement.

Research Australia's import and export relationship with other countries since the 1950's. What have been the trading patterns or trends over time? Make some predictions about future trading patterns.

Related Research Links

ABC Foreign Correspondent – The biggest domino
<http://www.abc.net.au/foreign/content/2010/s2903061.htm>

ABC News - Miners warned Chinese growth can't last forever
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/05/18/2902297.htm>

BBC Country Profile – China
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country_profiles/1287798.stm

National Geographic Kids – China
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/places/find/china/>

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – China trading fact sheet
<http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/chin.pdf>

Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research - Australia's exports fact sheet
<http://www.innovation.gov.au/section/aboutdiisr/factsheets/pages/australia'sexportsfactsheet.aspx>