

Vocabulary

Key Vocabulary

Read the paragraph about exports / imports and check your understanding of the meaning of the words in bold.

Nowadays an increasing amount of **cargo** is being taken from overseas (**imported**) or sent abroad (**exported**) as countries **exchange commodities**, in other words, become involved in **trade**. This **freight** is packed into large **containers** and then **hauled** by road, air, or ship to its destination. If the cargo is **fragile**, then it must be **handled with care** and **cushioned** in **reinforced packaging** to **protect** it from damage while in transit. Often, cargo that is going to be **transported** is stored for the meantime in a **warehouse** before being loaded onto a vehicle. If the **shipment** is being exported abroad, then each commodity and its quantity or **weight** must be **declared** to the customs officials of the receiving country.

Vocabulary Note

Look at the words relating to *ship*:

A *ship* is a boat that is large enough to travel on the sea.

A *shipment* is a group of goods transported together.

To *ship* means to transport something by air, train, boat, or truck.

Shipping is the business of transporting things.

1 Match the verbs in column A with the definitions in column B.

Column A	Column B
contain	1 _____ To make a statement about the goods you import or export
declare	2 _____ To hold inside
exchange	3 _____ To carry from one place to another
package	4 _____ To buy and sell for profit
protect	5 _____ To give something in return for something received
reinforce	6 _____ To prevent from being damaged, attacked, stolen, or injured
trade	7 _____ To strengthen by adding extra support or material
transport	8 _____ To put into a container for transporting or storing

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