

Geography

As Geographers this week we will learn about trade links between countries.

The products we buy and use every day come from all over the world. **Find ten items around your home and find out where each is from.** Sometimes this is easy: for example, the banana in my fruit bowl has a sticker on it saying it is from Ecuador. Sometimes it is harder to tell: for example, your car might not say where it was made, but you could research the brand (e.g. Ford, Kia) and find out where that company is from. (Ford is an American company and Kia is South Korean.) Research each country. You could write using pen and paper or use a program such as Word or Powerpoint to collect your work. You could mark the countries on a world map.

Mr Leaver's examples:

Item 1: Banana

Country of origin: Ecuador

Continent: South America

Population: 16 million people

Capital City: Quito

Main languages: Spanish, Quechua (and many more!)

Interesting fact: 1) Ecuador is named after the Equator.

2) "Napaykullayki" is "hello" in Quechua.



Ecuadorian Flag

Item 2: Car (Kia)

Country of origin: South Korea (Republic of Korea)

Continent: Asia

Population: 51 million people

Capital City: Seoul

Main languages: Korean

Interesting fact: Korea has been divided into two separate countries, North and South, since the end of World War 2 (1945).



South Korean flag

Take it further

- ♣ Find out how far from the UK each country is. Which is the furthest? Which is the closest?
- ♣ What continent did most of your items come from? Which continent did the fewest items come from?
- ♣ Choose one of the countries to research more. You could make a poster or Powerpoint presentation about it.
- ♣ Watch BBC Bitesize – “What is trade?”

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