

The Importance of International Trade

Canada's economic prosperity relies on being able to get goods and resources to and from other markets efficiently and reliably. The Port of Vancouver is Canada's largest port. The port authority, terminals, rail and truck companies, and many others work together to get goods where they need to go, efficiently and reliably on behalf of all Canadians.

Learning Objective

Students make connections between the benefits of trade to Canadians, the role of the Port of Vancouver in international trade, and the impact of trade on their own lives.

Activities

Class Discussions:

- Ask how many kindergarten students (average 18 kg) it takes to make a metric tonne. ($1000 \text{ kilograms} / 18 \text{ kilograms} = 55.56$).
- Discuss why Vancouver is a good place for a large international port, e.g., deep water, proximity to the border, road and rail connection.
- Brainstorm a list of domestic products and one of products from abroad, including food, clothing, building materials, electronics, and other materials in our lives.