

Foreign Trade

Imports

Importing means buying goods and services from another country.

Examples of Ireland imports are:

1. Silk
2. German cars
3. French wine
4. 5 Seconds Of Summer
5. American jerseys

Exports

Exporting means selling goods and services to another country.

Examples of Ireland exports are:

1. Shane Filan
2. Guinness
3. Irish potatoes
4. Tayto
5. The Script

Foreign Trade

Foreign trade is the buying and selling or the trading of goods and services between different countries.

Most countries trade will have different currency and language.

Importance of foreign Trade

- 2 out of 3 jobs in Ireland relate to exporting.
- 70% of production is exported in Ireland.

Why does Ireland import?

Ireland do not have certain raw materials to produce the product.

Irish people do not have the skills to make the product.

Irish people like a wide variety of goods and services to choose from.

Why does Ireland export?

- To create more employment.
- To sell more goods e.g. Ireland has 4.6 million people, EU has 455 million.
- To have foreign currency to pay for imports.

Who helps exports products?

- An Bord Bia
- Enterprise Ireland
- Fáilte Ireland
- Bord Iascaigh Mhara

Balance of Trade

Visible exports – visible imports

Visible Exports	Visible Imports	Total
1500 million	1350 million	Surplus 150 million

Balance of Payment

Total exports – total imports

Total Exports	Total Imports	Total
9500 million	10000 million	Deficit 500 million

Import substitution

Instead of importing goods and services from a different country, replace these imports with home-produced Irish-made goods and services.

We buy

Foreign Euro

You divide the foreign currency into the euro.

We sell

Euro Foreign

You multiply the euro and the foreign currency