

Worksheet C6.3.5

To examine briefly what we import and export.



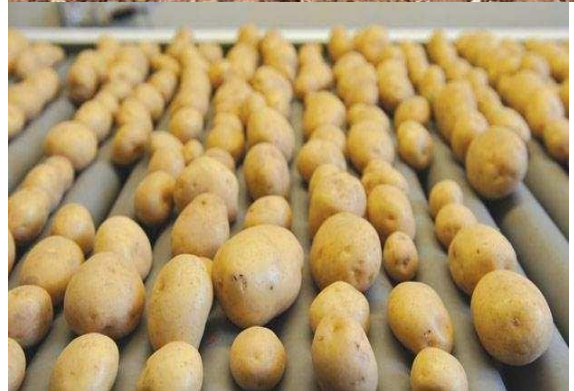
A: For our interest: We learn what the words IMPORTATION and EXPORTATION mean.

When we buy a product from another country, we would be **IMPORTING**. When we sell a product to another country we are **EXPORTING**.

This photo shows Maltese farmers picking potatoes from their fields. After they pick the potatoes, these are collected in green boxes, as shown in the photo.



The second photo shows the potatoes being selected and then packaged into specially made sacks. Afterwards, the potatoes are put into containers to be exported; this means to be sold in foreign countries.

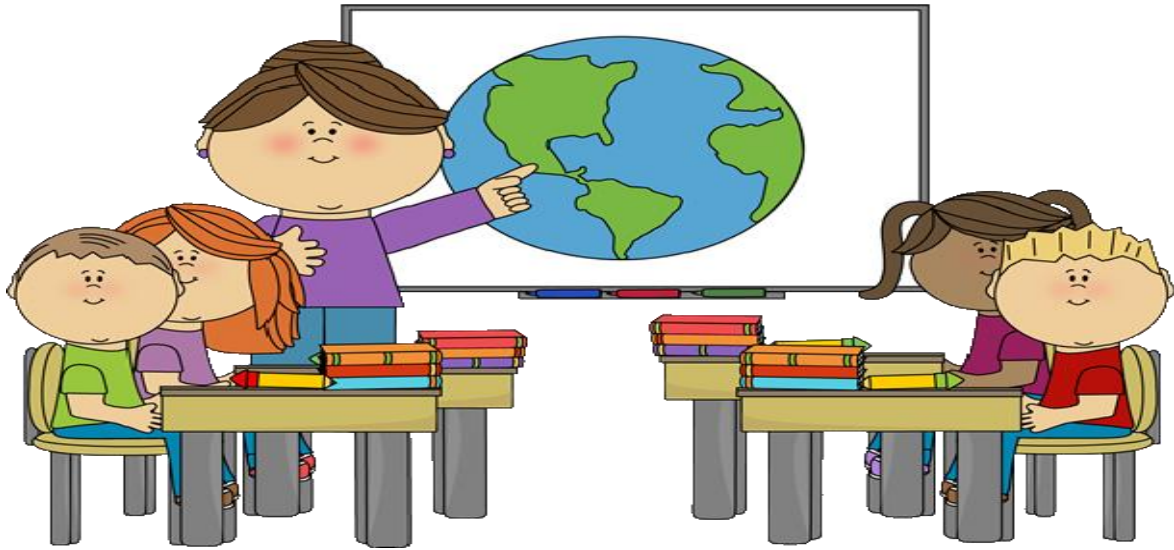


It is important to note that:

- When we **EXPORT** we are **selling**, and so we earn money from foreign countries.
- When we **IMPORT** we are **buying**, and so we are paying money to foreign countries.

All this selling and buying is called **COMMERCE**.

B: Read, think and then answer.



Ms Arrigo asked the students of Year 6 to make a list of all the objects that there were around them in class. Afterwards, they filled the following table together.

	object	description	work	IMPORTATION
1	Exercise books	Paper is produced from trees	They were produced by a Maltese printing company	Importing the paper
2	Tables	Made from wood and metal pipes	Produced by Maltese carpenters and blacksmiths	Importing wood and metal
3	Books	Paper and cardboard come from trees	Some books produced in Malta, others abroad	Importing paper and cardboards
4	Windows	Made from aluminium	Produced in Maltese workshops	Importing aluminium
5	Stone wall	Limestone cut from Maltese quarries	Maltese builders	////////////////////
6	Floor tiles	Ceramics	Placed by Maltese workers	Importing the ceramics
7	Cupboards	Made from wood	Produced by Maltese carpenters	Importing the wood
8	Fans	Metal, plastic and an electric motor	Finished in another country	Imported as a finished product

1. From which material are the class windows made? Do we find this material in Malta or is it imported?

2. Which is the only material not imported from abroad? Where did this come from?

3. Mention two materials that come from trees growing in forests in foreign countries?

4. In the classroom there are tables made from metal pipes and wood. What is best for our country?

(underline the correct answer)

(a) Importing finished tables from abroad.

(b) Importing wood and metal, and then having Maltese workers produce the tables.

Why?

C: Answer by filling in the blanks or underlining the correct answer.

1. Currently, the majority of cars we have in our streets work on petrol or diesel. Is the petrol and diesel we buy imported, or found under ground here in Malta?



2. Electricity in Malta comes from the Power station. The power station works on oil.

(a) All oil used is imported.

(b) Oil is found in the Port of Marsaxlokk.

(c) Malta exports oil.

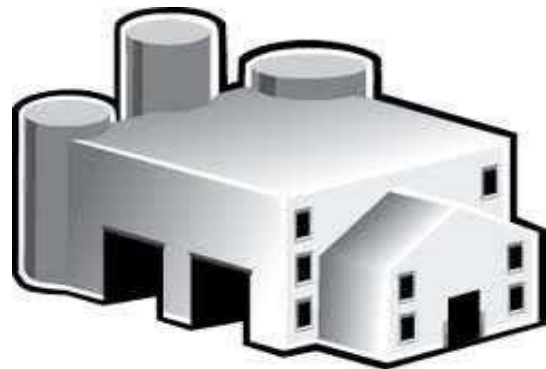


3. Many tourists decide to spend their vacations in Malta. Tourism is very important for our country because tourists:
- (a) spend a lot of money during their stay in Malta.
 - (b) teach us many different languages during their stay here.
 - (c) praise us to the rest of the world when they leave Malta.



4. In Malta, we have a lot of factories that produce both women and men's clothes. Some of these clothes are sold in Malta, whereas others are exported. The fabrics to make these clothes comes from:

- (a) the silkworms that grows on Comino.
- (b) all imported from abroad.
- (c) the cotton grown in Maltese fields.



5. While some fruits we buy are imported from abroad, there are also other fruits which are grown here in Malta. Which is the best fruit to eat?

- (a) canned fruit
- (b) fresh Maltese fruit
- (c) fruit packed in plastic containers

