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This week we will be reading about the history of trade.



What is TRADE?

Trade is
any exchange
(for money or other goods)

Day 1 – New text. Read the text and write down any words that you are unsure of.

History World, The history of trade

Trade provides mankind's most significant meeting place, the market. New ideas, along with precious artefacts, have always travelled along trade routes.

Agricultural produce and everyday household goods tend to make short journeys to and from a local market. Trade in a grander sense, between distant places, is a different matter. It involves entrepreneurs and middlemen, people willing to accept delay and risk in the hope of a large profit.

When travel is slow and dangerous, the trader's commodities must be as nearly as possible imperishable; and they must be valuable in relation to their size. Spices fit the bill. So do rich textiles. And, above all, precious ornaments of silver and gold, or useful items in copper, bronze or iron.