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Goods

- Soap
- Cellphone
- Computer



Services

- Social Media (TikTok)
- Restaurants
- McDonalds



2. Choose ONE good and ONE service listed above. Are the goods and services domestic or are they imported from other countries?

- TikTok is imported. It comes from China.
- Netflix is imported. It comes from the United States.
- Most computers are imported. They often come from the United States or China.

3. What are Canada's top exports?

- Canada's top exports are crude petroleum (oil), cars, gold, and wood products.
- Most of Canada's income comes from oil.

4. What interesting facts do you notice about Canada's top exports?

- Canada's top exports are mostly the result of natural resources.
- Some of Canada's income comes from manufacturing.

5. Although Canada's top exports are not services, are there any services that Canada exports to other countries?

- Canada does have some service exports. For example, there are large companies like Shopify that export their services to other countries.

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6. What are some reasons a country may choose to avoid trading with another country?

- War, historical conflict, lack of bilateral need for resources, ideological differences, etc.

7. Do you think it is fair for a country or group of countries to avoid trading with another country? Explain using examples to support your answer.

(Possible student answers)

- Yes, we should punish others who are a threat to us, yes we should not trade with people for environmental or humanitarian affronts.
- No we should trade with everyone to give every country a fair chance at our goods.

8. Think about some of the goods and services you use in your daily life. How might your life be different if Canada refused to trade with the countries that made those products?

(Possible student answers)

- If we didn't trade with China, we would not be able to use Tiktok or have computers.
- If we did not trade with tropical countries, we would not have certain fruits or vegetables.
- We may be poorer because they would not buy our goods and services if we do not buy theirs.

