

A film by Trevor Greenwood

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A DIMENSION FILM
primary economics:

**WHY
COMMUNITIES
TRADE GOODS**
10 MINUTES



BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Through this film, children can go for a trip in the cab of a large truck. On the way, they discover some of the reasons communities exchange goods. They see how the land changes from place to place, and how different kinds of land can produce different things. A mountain forest town produces lumber; a community in a flat valley produces food crops. To obtain the many things we use each day, communities must trade or "exchange" goods.

BUILDING THE CONCEPT:

- 1 People in a community need many things each day.
- 2 No community can make or grow all the things its people need and want.
- 3 The things a community can produce are influenced by the land, climate and materials nearby.
- 4 Every community has to buy things from other places.
- 5 To earn money to buy these things, every community must produce something it can sell to other places.
- 6 Trade or "exchange" of goods makes it possible for us to obtain the many different things we use each day.
- 7 Trade depends on transportation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

How many things have you used today (foods, clothing, soap, pencil, paper, and so on)?

Which of these things are made or grown near here?

List some things we must buy from other places.

Why don't we make or grow everything we need right here?

What kind of land do you need to produce food crops? Lumber? Cement?

Imagine that we stopped trading with other communities.

How would that change your life?

RELATED IDEAS:

Small communities are often built near something valuable: farming land or raw materials.

Big cities often grow at a crossroads, where materials from many places can come together.

Big cities use these materials to produce finished goods.

Cities and towns are interdependent.

WORDS TO LEARN:

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transportation crossroads factory

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