

What is globalisation?



1. The photographs are clues to what “globalisation” is. Annotate each photograph with at least 2 ideas.



2. How do these scenarios help explain globalisation?

- A British classroom that has a teacher from New Zealand and students from the UK, Lithuania, Mexico, Nigeria and Bangladesh.
- A Chilean person eating a mango from Costa Rica whilst on holiday in France.
- A German teenager buying a smart phone that was made in China from a store in Manchester.
- A Polish person eating at a Punjabi restaurant in Southall, West London.



3. Read the passage about globalisation.

Globalisation is the increasing connections between places and people across the planet, through trade, politics, cultural exchanges, technology and transport. Some geographers and historians argue that globalisation began when Christopher Columbus arrived in America in 1492 (whilst searching for an alternative route to China and India) because this opened up new opportunities for international connections. Other geographers and historians argue that globalisation really began in the early 1800s, when the steamships and railroads began to expand, changing trade and transport forever. There is even evidence to suggest that globalisation actually began in back in 1250, with the international links that formed between Europe and China. However, regardless of when globalisation began, the following statements are true: globalisation has accelerated since you were born; globalisation has been driven by companies all over the world (such as the companies in the image below); globalisation has been facilitated by technology and governments.

The World's Largest Public Companies 2018 By Market Value (in Billions of Dollars)



Article & Sources:
<https://howmuch.net/articles/worlds-largest-public-companies-2018>
<https://www.forbes.com>

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4. Answer the questions, using what you have learnt so far.

a. Through globalisation, what is increasing between people and places?

b. When did globalisation begin?

c. Which two modes of transport helped globalisation develop in the early 19th Century?

d. What has helped globalisation develop in recent years?



5. Why do you think the development of transport systems has helped facilitate globalisation?



Photo: Containers waiting to be loaded onto ships in Singapore and then transported around the world.



6. Write your own definition of globalisation.

Globalisation is _____
