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## France In World Trade

**Directions:** Read the passage about France's role in world trade. Then answer the analysis questions that follow.

France is one of the world's leading trading nations, supported by a diverse **economy**, advanced transportation networks, and strong ties with international partners. As a member of the European Union, France participates in one of the largest shared markets on Earth, allowing goods, services, and workers to move freely across member countries. French exports include **aircraft, luxury goods, automobiles, wine, pharmaceuticals**, and **advanced technology**. These products travel through major ports such as Marseille and Le Havre, as well as high speed rail and highway systems that link France to the rest of Europe.

France also imports raw materials, energy resources, and manufactured products to support its industries. Its major trading partners include Germany, Belgium, Italy, Spain, China, and the United States. Because France trades across Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, it plays an important role in shaping global markets. Changes in supply chains, international agreements, or global demand can influence France's economic stability and its relationships with other nations.

1. How does France's membership in the European Union support its role in world trade?
2. Based on the passage, why are transportation networks important to France's global trade success?
3. Name two categories of goods that France exports and explain why other countries might want these products.
4. Why might changes in global demand affect France's economy?
5. Which major trading partners mentioned in the passage are located outside Europe, and what does this suggest about France's trade connections?
6. Explain how both imports and exports contribute to France's economic strength.
7. What evidence from the passage shows that France plays a role in multiple regions of the world?
8. If France's access to transportation hubs were reduced, what impacts might this have on its trade relationships?