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Connected Planet Answer Key

1. Globalization means the growing connection among countries through trade, communication, and shared ideas.
2. Technology allows faster trade and easier worldwide communication through the internet and digital tools.
3. Examples include students learning from teachers abroad or artists selling products online internationally.
4. Challenges include job competition and environmental problems from increased production.
5. Cooperation among nations can address global problems while keeping trade benefits.
6. It feels "smaller" because technology makes it easy for people to interact and exchange goods instantly, despite distance.
7. Answers may vary; strong responses include clear reasoning about economic growth, cultural exchange, or inequality.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Reading comprehension, inference, and global awareness.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For struggling readers, preview key terms (e.g., *globalization*, *cooperation*, *demand*) before reading.
 - For advanced students, assign a short paragraph comparing historical and modern examples of global trade.
- **Engagement Idea:**
 - Use a "Global Connections Map." After reading, students mark or label countries mentioned and discuss how they connect.
- **Extension Activity:**
 - Have students research one real-life example of globalization (such as international fashion, global supply chains, or online learning) and summarize its impact in a short paragraph.