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Dutch Economy Focus

Directions: Read the information carefully, then answer the questions and complete the short tasks.

The Netherlands in the European Economy

Rotterdam is one of the busiest ports in the world and serves as a major gateway for goods entering and leaving Europe. Huge ships bring containers from Asia, the Americas, and Africa, and from Rotterdam they are transported by rail, road, and river into the heart of the continent. The Netherlands is also known for strong agricultural exports, including flowers, dairy, and vegetables grown in high-tech greenhouses. These products are shipped across Europe and beyond. As a member of the European Union, the Netherlands plays a significant role in trade, transportation, and economic cooperation. Its location, technology, and skilled workforce allow it to support industries that keep goods moving efficiently across borders.

1. Why is Rotterdam considered an important port for Europe?
2. Describe one way goods move from Rotterdam to other parts of Europe.
3. What types of agricultural products is the Netherlands known for exporting?
4. Explain how high-tech greenhouses support the Netherlands' economy.
5. How does the Netherlands benefit from being part of the European Union?
6. Write two sentences explaining why transportation and location are important to the Netherlands' economic success.
7. List two industries that depend on Rotterdam's port to operate successfully.
8. In your opinion, which sector is more important to the Netherlands' long-term success: trade or agriculture? Support your answer with one reason.