



# International Trade: Imports & Exports Analysis

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## Part I — U.S. Imports & Exports Grid

### Directions:

Review the categories below. As you work, look for patterns, similarities, and differences between what the United States **sells to** and **buys from** the rest of the world.

### Imports vs. Exports Comparison

U.S. Exports	U.S. Imports
Oil drilling & natural gas	Machinery (computers, industrial equipment)
Aircraft, engines & parts	Electrical machinery & electronics
Petroleum products (gasoline, diesel, jet fuel)	Vehicles & auto parts
Industrial machinery	Mineral fuels & oil products
Pharmaceuticals & biotechnology	Pharmaceutical products
Electrical equipment & electronics	Medical & technical apparatus
Motor vehicles & parts	Gems & precious metals
Medical equipment & precision tools	Plastics & plastic articles
Plastics & polymer materials	Furniture, bedding & lighting
Agricultural products	Organic chemicals

## Part II — Analysis Questions

Answer in **complete sentences** using evidence from the grid above.

**1** Generally, what differences do you notice between what the United States imports and what it exports?

Response

**2 Can the United States make the products it imports?**

If **yes**, why might the U.S. choose not to?  
If **no**, what limits production?

**Response**

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**3 Several categories appear on both sides of the chart.**

Why do you think the U.S. both imports and exports similar types of goods?

**Response**

## **Part III — Conclusion**

### **Final Question**

**Based on the evidence above, does the United States need the rest of the world economically?**

Support your answer with **at least two examples** from the grid.

**Written Response**

**Student Check**

- I used evidence from the grid
- I explained my reasoning
- I answered the essential question