



Changing Economic World



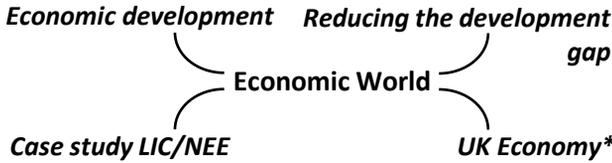
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The Place of the UK in the Wider World

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The Big Picture



The UK and the Wider World

The UK plays a key role in global trade, culture, transport, and politics. While its influence has changed over time, it remains a major member of the G7, NATO, and the UN Security Council. Strong links through trade, culture, transport, and digital communication shape its global position.



Trade Links

The UK has strong global trade connections, exporting manufactured goods, finance, and technology.

- EU: The UK's largest trading partner despite Brexit.
- USA: A key partner in finance and technology.
- Asia-Pacific: Growing trade links with Australia and CPTPP membership.
- Commonwealth: Trade links with India, Canada, and African nations.



Cultural Influence

British culture is recognised worldwide through music, film, literature, and education.

- English Language: A global business and diplomatic language.
- Music & Film: The UK's music industry and films (e.g., James Bond, Harry Potter) are internationally popular.
- Higher Education: Universities such as Oxford and Cambridge attract global students.
- British Council: Promotes English learning and cultural exchange.



Transport Connections

The UK is a global transport hub with strong international links.

- Air: Heathrow is one of the world's busiest airports.



Key Terms



Globalisation: The increasing interconnectedness of countries through trade and culture.



Commonwealth: A voluntary organisation of 56 nations with historical ties to the UK.



Tariff-Free Trade: Exchange of goods without import taxes.



Soft Power: Influence through culture, education, and diplomacy rather than force.

The UK is a global transport hub with strong international links.

- Air: Heathrow is one of the world's busiest airports.

- Rail: The Channel Tunnel connects the UK to Europe.

- Ports: Felixstowe, Liverpool 2 and Southampton handle global trade.

- Road & Rail: Projects like HS2 aim to improve connectivity.



Electronic Communication

The UK is a digital leader, supporting global trade and innovation.

- Silicon Roundabout London: Major tech hub.
- Undersea Data Cables: Secure global internet connections.
- Fintech & AI: The UK leads in financial technology and artificial intelligence.



Economic and Political Links

The European Union (EU) - The UK left the EU in 2020 but still maintains strong trade links.

- Trade Agreement: Tariff-free trade on most goods.
- Shared Interests: Energy, security, and research (e.g., Horizon Europe).

The Commonwealth - A voluntary organisation of 56 countries with historical ties to the UK.

- Trade & Investment: Common legal and business systems make trade easier.
- Cultural Exchange: Events like the Commonwealth Games strengthen global ties.
- Political Cooperation: Supports democracy and human rights.