

THE JOURNEY OF MY NECESSITIES

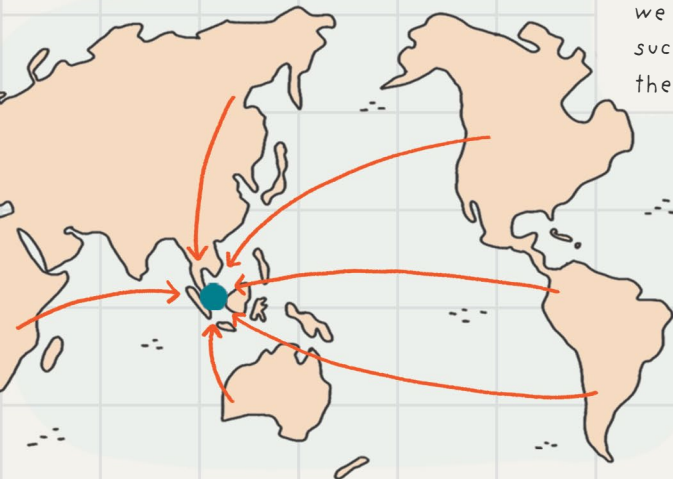
You will learn:

How goods travel across the sea to get to you

A LET'S LEARN ABOUT MARITIME SINGAPORE

HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE JOURNEY IT TAKES TO BRING YOU THE ITEMS YOU USE EVERY DAY IN YOUR LIFE?

With more than 80% of the world's trade being seaborne, most of the things you own, buy and use are brought to you by the sea. As we have learnt earlier about globalisation, our daily necessities such as food, clothes and electronic appliances come from all over the world.

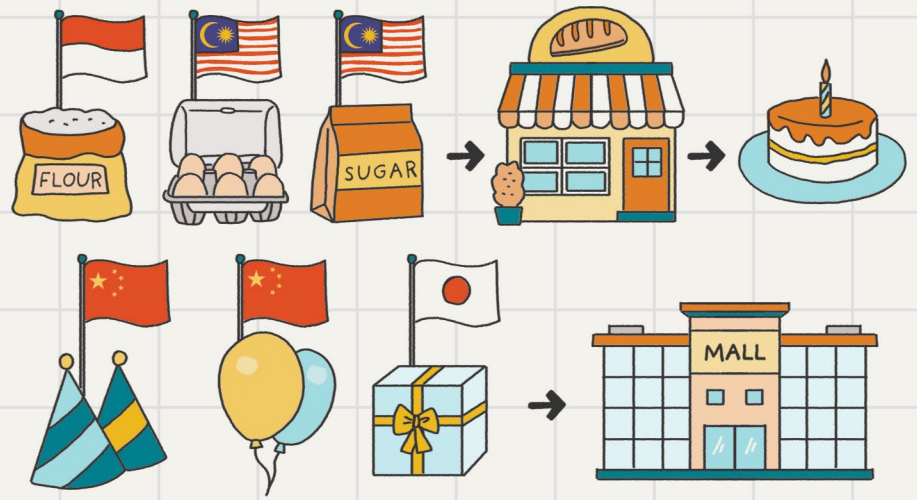


For example, the raw materials used to make your necessities might come from South America. These materials might be sent to a place in Asia to be made in a factory, before being sent to the country you live in to be sold at a departmental store. The journey for a single item from its place of origin to your home as its final destination would have crossed many borders and seas.

Let us take a moment to imagine that you are celebrating your mother's birthday. What are some things you need to buy for this celebration? You will probably need a birthday cake, some birthday decorations and a present. How do you go about getting these items? You can order the cake from a bakery near your home and get the rest of the items from speciality shops online, or in a shopping mall.



The bakery would need ingredients such as flour, eggs and sugar to bake the cake you want, and the shops selling decorations such as colourful streamers and birthday hats would have gotten them from a manufacturer who makes them in a factory. These ingredients and decorations would have probably been shipped and delivered to the shops from somewhere around the world, so that they can be ready to be sold to you.



There are many people in the maritime industry who are responsible for making sure that raw materials and manufactured goods reach their destinations in time. They include the ship charterer, whose job is to make sure that the right goods get matched to right ships so that goods can be delivered in a cost-effective and timely manner; the ship captain and crew, who make sure that the ship navigates smoothly in its journey so that goods travelling from the port of origin can reach its destination port safely; as well as the port operations executive, who manages the smooth operations of the port and cargo so that goods can be efficiently delivered to the people who need them.

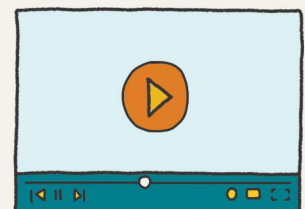
THINK ABOUT THIS:

Now that you understand how things are made and shipped across the world to reach you, how do you feel when you look at the items you buy or use in your house?

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- [Alongside Our Buses](#)
- [Maritime Professionals Who Bring You the World \(& Teddy\)](#)
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TRY THIS ACTIVITY!

What is an item that you use every day in your life?

It could be your toothbrush, your mirror or your computer.

Do some research to see where your item came from and draw a comic strip to show the journey this item took to travel from its place of origin to your home.

THE WONDERFUL JOURNEY OF MY _____

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CHAT ABOUT THIS:

Share your comic strip with your friends and see how similar and different the journeys of your items are!