

Introduction For many of us, it is obvious how the US transportation system affects our daily lives as we move from one place to another. Less obvious, is how much we rely on the system for the items we use on a daily basis. This activity will shine a light on how transportation is critical to the movement of goods.

Instructions It is recommended you complete the [Transportation Exploration Activity](#) before conducting this activity.

1. Go to the [Transportation Youth Academy](#) website. Click on the [Transportation and You](#) link.
2. Watch the short video, **Southern California Delivers the Goods**. The video provides a general overview of the importance of goods movement – an industry that delivers consumer goods both near and far, in addition to providing thousands of valuable jobs in the areas surrounding the Long Beach/Los Angeles, CA harbors.
3. Now answer these questions, “What is the one item at home that you use every day and couldn’t live without? Where was the item purchased”? Write your answers on a sheet of paper. Ask 10-15 classmates, friends, family members the same questions and write their answers on the same sheet of paper.
4. Classify the items into three categories on the bottom or back side of the sheet of paper: (1) items made in your home state (underline these), (2) items made outside of your home state but probably in the US (star these), and (3) items probably made in other countries (circle these).
5. Create a table with the information from step 4 above. Your table may look like this:

Items Made in Home State	Items Made Outside Home State	Items Made Outside of U.S.

6. Next, answer the questions “How did these items get from where it was made to where they were purchased (assuming they were purchased in your home state)? What modes of transportation do you think were used to transport the items? Add this information to the table created in step 3 above. Below is an example of how you table may look now.

Items Made in Home State	Items Made Outside Home State	Items Made Outside of U.S.
Modes of Transportation to Transport to Purchase Location	Modes of Transportation to Transport to Purchase Location	Modes of Transportation to Transport to Purchase Location

7. Think of all the items where you live and imagine all the modes of transportation that were used to get those items from the manufacturer to where you live.
8. Now think about the form(s) of transportation you used to get to school today and typically use on a weekly basis?
9. Reflect on all the ways transportation affects your and everyone's daily life, how we move about, the items we use.

