

# Strand: Our Economy

# Globalisation and Our Economy

# Learning outcomes in focus

#### Students should be able to:

**Our Economy 3.7** Debate the implications of globalisation of trade, including the benefits and challenges of international trade

# Learning intentions\*

#### We are learning to:

- understand and describe the activities of a particular global company
- understand and appreciate why a global company locates in Ireland and the benefits of it locating here
- be able to present information to attract and communicate to an audience

This task was completed after seven classes (40 minute periods) which covered the theory of globalisation and TNCs. This task was partly completed at home as home work. Students spent one class period (40 minutes) assembling their work into posters to display on the classroom wall. Students were required to use a computer and textbook to research their information. They could complete the task using a computer but this was not a requirement for success as not all students have access to a computer. This was an individual task.

# Teaching and learning context

Students will be introduced to the concept of what Globalisation is and what effects it has on Ireland. The term 'Transnational Company' will also be covered by the students in great detail. The students will be able to apply theory to a real company so they can demonstrate they can understand it in a real-world scenario. Students will learn the importance of TNCs to the Irish economy

and what the benefits the company and the country can gain from globalisation and TNCs.

The students will be:

- Introduced to the concept of a "Globalisation" and its definition
- Introduced to Interdependence and its importance for them and the country
- Identify a number of TNC's that are located in Ireland
- Recognise a number of products and services offered by TNC's located in Ireland
- Evaluate the benefits for Ireland of TNC's and globalisation
- Evaluate the benefits for a TNC of locating in Ireland

### Task

Create a poster which profiles a Transnational Company (TNC) based in Ireland.

#### Success Criteria\*\*

**SC1**: Create an attractive poster for our target audience

**SC2:** Demonstrate an understanding of the terms 'globalisation' and 'interdependence'

**SC3**: Describe the activities of a TNC of their choice

**SC4:** Investigate the benefits to the company and the Irish economy of a TNC locating in Ireland

**SC5:** Use the language of business in a simple and clear way for the target audience

 $<sup>^\</sup>star$  What the student should know, understand and be able to do at the end of the lesson or series of lessons



#### Globalisation and Interdependence

· Globalisation is the idea that the world is shrinking, and also the process in business and organisations working internationally. Because of globalisation, it is easier to contact people in other countries and travel easier. Apple is showing globalisation because they have shops and factories and headquarters in other countries and this has increased apple's profits. Apple also shows globalisation by having devices distribution agreement, meaning if you went into Three to buy a phone it could be

> Interdependence means that as companies get more international, they depend on other countries to help them, like Ireland depends on other countries for food that doesn't grow in Ireland. Apple is an example of interdependence because they have a lot of buildings and shops all around the world.

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 Apple is very nice to the locals in Ireland because they employ thousands of people and also check with the locals before starting a construction to see if they don't mind or have any issues, like with the new data centre they made sure the buildings would not be in the way of a near golf course. Apple have also made walking trails for workers and locals in the



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# Apple in Ireland

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- Their company is sold worldwide, with a website, and Apple is the most popular phone brand for consumers.

#### How has Apple benefited from being based in Ireland?

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#### Operations in Ireland

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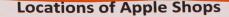


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# Teacher annotations using the success criteria

The annotations capture observations by the teacher, using the success criteria, with a view to establishing the level of achievement this work reflects. The annotations and judgments were confirmed by a Quality Assurance group, consisting of practising teachers and representatives of the Inspectorate, the State Exams Commission and the Junior Cycle for Teachers support service.

## The student fulfilled all success criteria as they:

This student fulfilled most of the success criteria to a high standard.

This student could improve further by including better and bigger images and by highlighting headings so they are more visible. This would make it more attractive and clear to the target audience. The student must ensure all information is relevant. The student could have laid the poster out better so that there is a logical flow to it.

**Overall judgement: ≥** Above Expectations

