The Cost of Dinner



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The Big Idea

This books tells about economics and why the food we eat costs what it does.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading:
- Make connections

Comprehension:
- Compare and contrast

Phonics:
- Variant vowel /ar/ (far, farmers, farms, large, market)

Fluency:
- Read with appropriate pacing

Tier Two Vocabulary:
- extra

Tier Three Vocabulary:
- amounts, cost, demand, supply

Grammar, Word Study, and Language Development:
- Ask and answer questions
- Use antonyms (buy/sell, more/less, near/far, supply/demand)

Sentence Pattern:
- ___ comes from ___.

* Numerals, vocabulary words on pages 2 and 3, and words in photo captions, labels, diagrams, and charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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I need to know these words.

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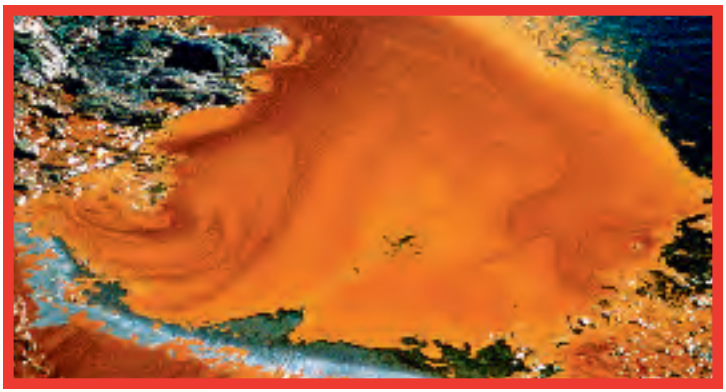
drought



peppers



polluted



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restaurant



shop



tomatoes



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Where Does Fish Come From?

Do you like to eat fish? Do you **shop** for fish? The fish you buy comes from many places. Some fish at the **market** is frozen. Other fish is fresh.



▲ People buy fish at this market.

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The fish you eat might come from Alaska. Alaska is near the Pacific Ocean. Many people catch fish in Alaska. The Pacific Ocean has a large **supply** of fish.



▲ People catch many fish in Alaska.

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The fish you eat might come from Massachusetts. Massachusetts is near the Atlantic Ocean. The Atlantic Ocean has a large supply of fish.



▲ This restaurant in Massachusetts serves fresh fish.

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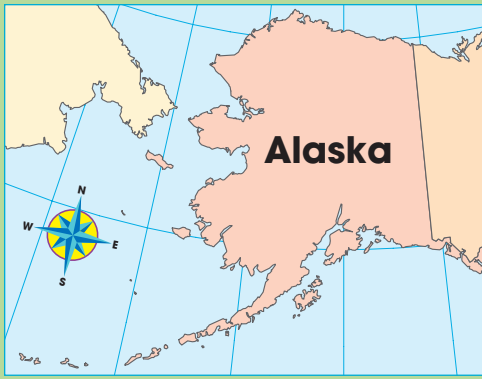
Sometimes trucks carry the fish far away. The **cost** can be high to send fish far away.



▲ This truck can keep the fish cold. The truck travels a long distance.

Did You Know?

Half of the fish supply in the United States comes from Alaska.





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Where Do Other Foods Come From?

Do you like to eat peppers? Peppers are vegetables. Peppers grow best where the weather is warm.



▲ These peppers grow in Texas. The weather is warm in Texas.

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Other crops grow best in warm places, too. Some grains grow in warm places. Rice is a grain that grows in warm places.

Top Rice Growers • 2005

(in million metric tons)

India	129
Indonesia	54
Bangladesh	40
Vietnam	36
Thailand	27
Myanmar	25
Pakistan	18
China	18
Philippines	15
Brazil	13
Japan	11
World Total	**700**

Source: UN Food & Agriculture Organization

Did You Know?

Rice is a grain. Which country grows the most rice?

