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BTEC Assignment Brief

Qualification	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business
Unit number and title	Unit 5: International Business
Learning	A: Explore the international context for business operations
aim(s) (For NQF only)	B: Investigate the international economic environment in which business operates
Assignment title	Why trade internationally?
Assessor	
Issue date	
Hand in deadline	

	In 2012, the Prime Minister launched a new partnership between the British Chambers of Commerce, UK Trade & Investment and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to create an international UK business network offering more export support in high growth markets.
Vocational Scenario or Context	You have secured a work experience placement at the office of a local chamber of commerce, and have been asked to help in preparing a report on international business.
	Your target audience will be those involved in new and established businesses in the area and overseas.

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	You have been asked to prepare a report entitled 'Why trade internationally?' To do this you will need to gather comprehensive research evidence into businesses that trade internationally. This research should include businesses that are located in one country but trade in other countries, and businesses that have trading locations around the world. From this research choose two businesses on which to base your report. These must operate in contrasting international markets . The report should incorporate your research and contrast the two chosen businesses. It should be written in three sections:
Task 1	Section One:
	 the operation of each business, to include the structure, activities, and chosen market
	 the reasons each conducts business internationally
	the types of finance available to each
	an analysis of the support that is available to each
	Section Two:
	the role of trading blocs on international trade
	the main features of globalisation that affect each business
	an analysis of the barriers to each of operating internationally
	Section Three (for one of these businesses only):
	an evaluation of the impact of globalisation on the business
	over the last 5 - 10 years, considering all relevant factors.
Checklist of evidence	Evidence of research into a variety of businesses that trade internationally
required	An individual report on two businesses that trade in contrasting
	international markets
Criteria covere	d by this task:
Unit/Criteria reference	To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:
5/AB.D1	Evaluate the impact of globalisation on a business.
5/B.M2	Analyse the barriers to two contrasting businesses of operating
	internationally.
5/A.M1	Analyse the support that is available to contrasting businesses that
	operate internationally.
5/B.P4	Explore the role of trading blocs on international trade.
5/B.P3	Explain the main features of globalisation that affect
	two contrasting businesses.
5/A.P2	Explain the types of finance available for international business.

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5/A.P1	Explain why two businesses operate in contrasting international markets.
Sources of information to support you with this Assignment	Websites www.britishchambers.org.uk/business/international-trade www.wto.org www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-export-finance Above are some examples of websites. Further useful resources may be found at www.edexcel.com/resources/Pages/default.aspx
Other assessment materials attached to this Assignment Brief	N/A