

# How are we connected?

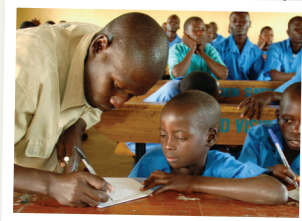
We live in a world where we are connected with other people – socially, politically, economically and environmentally. Increased **trade** between countries, the growth of **international organisations** and changes in **transport** and **communications technology** mean that these connections are rapidly increasing.

## DID YOU KNOW?

In 2007-08, Australia's top five export countries were Japan (\$31.8 billion), China (\$23.6 billion), South Korea (\$13.5 billion), United States (\$10 billion) and New Zealand (\$9.5 billion).



Australia is one of 191 nations that belong to the United Nations, whose headquarters are in New York, USA.



In Australia, 70% of people have internet access. In Haiti, just 7% of people have internet access.



Australia imports coffee from Colombia and World Vision works with more than 5,400 children and their families to improve education, health and access to safe water.



Ghana and the Ivory Coast produce 60% of the cocoa used in the production of chocolate around the world.



Australia imports coffee from Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya.



In 2010, the Australian Socceroos will compete with 32 countries in the World Cup in South Africa.



In 2008, there were 97,000 Indian students studying in Australia. The two countries play cricket against each other, and Australians buy clothes and jewellery produced in India.



Approximately 8,000 Australians live in Papua New Guinea and in 2008-09, the Australian Government provided A\$389 million in aid.



In 2008-09, the Australian Government provided A\$462 million in aid to Indonesia.



More than half of the world's population has a mobile phone. In Vanuatu in 2007, only 11% of the population has a mobile phone.



One quarter — or 25% — of Australia's population was born overseas. In 2006, Australia's population included 160,000 born in Vietnam and 206,000 born in China.

## For You To Do!

1. Research your home and school and identify items that are made overseas – look at cars, foods, electronic goods, toys, white goods, furniture, clothing, DVDs, books, etc. What patterns do you notice? Label and colour the countries represented on the world map at [worldvision.com.au/schoolresources](http://worldvision.com.au/schoolresources)
2. Draw a concept map showing all the ways you are connected to people overseas (e.g. including travel, family).