

Transport and Trade in the UAE: MAZE reading task

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Read and select the correct word from the options given.

The UAE has a long history as **1.** (an , a , any) international trading centre. By the 1870s, Dubai **2.** (have , had , has) already been identified **3.** (as , was , to) the principal port in the Gulf area, but in **4.** (these , this , the) early 1900s it was declared a free port; that's when Dubai really **5.** (start , started , starting) to develop as an international port. Deep-sea merchant ships then began to anchor **6.** (offshore, offshire , offshare) transferring their goods onto dhows to **7.** (transporting , transport , transported) them to Dubai and Khan Creek. Of course, at that time, there were **8.** (much , mini , many) problems associated with moving goods from one area to another. For example, before purpose-built containers **9.** (were , was , weren't) introduced, the port provided basic warehouse facilities, but most **10.** (goals , goods , gears) were simply stored on the sand awaiting collection.