

# WHAT IS APEC?



## READING COMPREHENSION

APEC stands for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation. It is a group of 21 countries that work together to make trade and economic growth better in the Asia-Pacific region. APEC was started in 1989. Some members of APEC are the United States, China, Japan, Australia, and South Korea.

The main goal of APEC is to help people and businesses in the region become more successful. Every year, leaders from APEC countries meet to talk about how to make trade easier and solve economic problems together.

APEC focuses on three important things:

1. Trade: APEC makes it easier to buy and sell things between countries.
2. Economy: APEC helps countries work together to make their economies strong.
3. People: APEC helps create jobs and protects the environment for people in the region.

APEC is important because it helps countries cooperate and share ideas to make life better for everyone.

### Post Reading: Answer about the reading

Write T (True) or F (False) for each sentence:

1. APEC started in 1989. \_\_\_\_\_
2. APEC has 30 member countries. \_\_\_\_\_
3. APEC helps make trade easier between countries. \_\_\_\_\_
4. APEC does not care about the environment. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Leaders from APEC countries meet every year. \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Use words from the vocabulary list to complete the sentences.

1. APEC helps countries in the Asia-Pacific \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The main goal of APEC is to improve trade and economic \_\_\_\_\_.
3. APEC members work together to solve \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Leaders from APEC countries \_\_\_\_\_ every year.
5. APEC wants to protect the \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Match the words to their meanings

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|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Trade       | a. A person in charge of a country |
| 2. Leader      | b. The buying and selling of goods |
| 3. Environment | c. The natural world around us     |
| 4. Growth      | d. Becoming bigger or better       |
| 5. Job         | e. Work done for money             |

## IV. Answer the Questions. Write short answers:

1. What is APEC?

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2. How many countries participate in APEC?

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3. What year did APEC start?

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4. What are three things APEC focuses on?

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5. Why is APEC important?

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