

The Supply Chain: How Products Reach Us

The supply chain is the process that helps products get from the manufacturer to the customer. It includes many steps, and different people or companies are involved. Let's look at how the supply chain works.

First, raw materials are collected. These materials come from nature, like wood , metal , or cotton . Farmers, miners, and other workers gather these materials. Then, the materials go to factories where workers make them into products. For example, cotton is turned into clothes , and metal is used to make cars .

Next, the products are packed and shipped. Trucks , ships , and airplanes  take the products from the factories to stores. Sometimes, the products are kept in warehouses for a while before they are sent to the shops.

When the products arrive at the stores , customers can buy them. But the supply chain doesn't stop there. After customers buy the products, they may be used, sold, or recycled . This is an important part of the supply chain too!

The supply chain can take a long time. It includes many steps, and many people work together to make sure that products are available for customers. Without the supply chain, we wouldn't have many of the things we use every day.

READ THE TEXT AND DO THE FOLLOWING EXERCISES.

Exercise 1: Multiple Choice (5 POINTS)

Instructions: Choose the correct answer.

1. What is the first step in the supply chain?
 - a) Products are shipped to stores
 - b) Raw materials are collected
 - c) Products are packed
 - d) Customers buy the products
2. What happens in factories?
 - a) Raw materials are turned into products
 - b) Products are shipped to customers
 - c) Products are recycled
 - d) Workers collect raw materials
3. How are products sent to stores?
 - a) By car
 - b) By trains
 - c) By trucks, ships, and airplanes
 - d) By bicycles
4. What happens to the products after customers buy them?

- a) They are recycled
- b) They are sold again
- c) They are used, sold, or recycled
- d) They go back to the factory

5. Why is the supply chain important?

- a) Because it helps customers make products
- b) Because it makes products available for customers
- c) Because it makes products more expensive
- d) Because it creates jobs in the factory

Exercise 2: Answer the Questions (5 POINTS)

Instructions: Answer the following questions based on the text.

1. What are raw materials?
2. How are products sent to stores?
3. Where are products kept before they are sent to stores?
4. Why do you think the supply chain is important?
5. What can happen to the products after customers buy them?