

## 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.