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| **Advantages**  **Sea Travel**   * Cheaper over long distances * No cost in building transport routes (seas/oceans already exist) * Good for bulky low cost non-perishable goods e.g. coal * Costs are spread over a large area (modern container ships hold thousands of containers) * Containerization has sped up the process of loading and unloading. Unlike planes containers can be directly transferred to lorries and trains. * Refrigerated containers now allow more products to be transported | **Disadvantages**   * Much slower than air travel * Some countries are landlocked so can not receive shipments * Ships are expensive to build - steel is expensive * There are long waiting lists for large containers ships * Oil prices are expensive so fuel for ships is expensive * Some routes have to be built and maintained and enlarged e.g. Panama and Suez Canal * Some shipping routes have to be dredged * Ports are expensive to build and can damage delicate wetland areas * Risk of attack by pirates and cost of protecting ships e.g. Horn of Africa * Ships can have accidents and cause environmental damage e.g. oil leaks and hitting reefs * Cargo can be lost overboard in bad weather * Can encourage smuggling |

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**Air Travel**

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| **Advantages**   * Fast over long distances * Planes don't get stuck in traffic, unlike cars and lorries * Good for high value perishable goods e.g. flowers, animals * Can reach landlocked countries | **Disadvantages**   * Planes cause a lot of pollution (noise, air and visual) - contribute greenhouse effect * Cost of flying is expensive, especially as price of oil increases * Airports are expensive to build and take up large areas * Can only carry small loads compared to ships * Air routes are fixed * Planes can be cancelled due to bad weather * Aircraft are expensive to build and maintain * Waiting lists for aircraft are long |

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