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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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How has it changed?

**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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