

Pod 3. Global Cities

Global cities, are often the most important cities in the world in terms of economic, political and cultural impacts. These cities, such as London, New York and Paris, are not always the largest cities, but they play an important role in economic links with other countries.

Global cities have important economic links. This mean they contain the headquarters of the biggest companies in the world where important decisions are made, they contain the important stock markets and are often major ports for importing and exporting goods.

Global cities have important links. This means they are important around the world for the influence they have. New York is a good example with the influence its movies, art, music and fashion has around the world.

Global cities have important political influence. They are often where the government is based and make decision affecting the whole country and other countries. London is a good example.

Megacities have a population of over 10 million people whilst a global city needs to have a impact around the world but doesn't have to have a large population.

Mumbai is a megacity and a global city. Mumbai has a population of over 21 million. Mumbai is the home to Bollywood films, the headquarters of the Multi National company Tata owners of Jaguar and Land rover. Mumbai is one of the busiest ports in the world and home to the Indian stock exchange.

Questions

1. What is a Global city?
2. Name an example of a global city.
3. Global cities play an important part in economic links. What do we mean by economic links?

