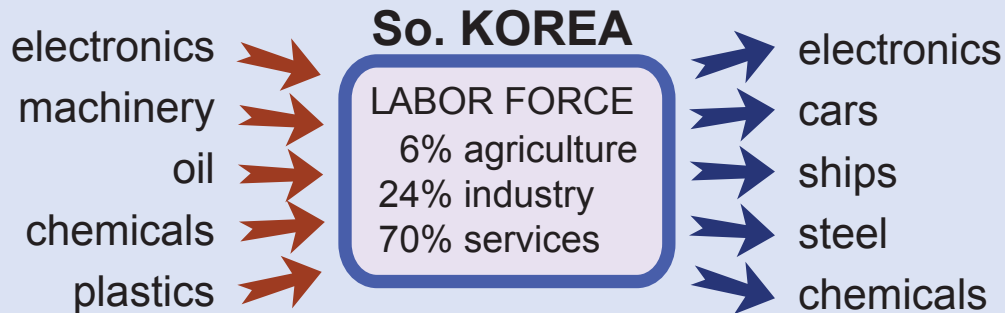


Comparing Economies: Jobs, Imports, and Exports



Source: CIA Factbook, 2013

Imports and exports are important. They tell you about the **BIGJobs** in a country.

Definition: A **BIGJob** is a Basic Income Generating Job. It brings money into an area. Every place needs at least one **BIGJob** to bring in the money that people need to buy the things they cannot (or do not want to) grow or make for themselves.

Definition: An **export** is something that people sell to people in another country.
An **import** is something that people buy from people in another country.

Fortunately, you do NOT need to memorize the **BIGJobs**, exports, and imports for every country, state, and community. This kind of information is easy to find on websites like the CIA Factbook. Here's how to do it for countries:

Project: draw two country names from the box, or choose two countries to compare.

1. Go to the CIA Factbook website
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ni.html>
2. Click on the country name box to get the list of countries.
3. Scroll down to the country you want, and click on its name.
4. Find the information shows in the boxes above - it's in the Economy section.
5. Find the major exports from the country and imports
6. Make a diagram that shows jobs, imports, and exports.
7. Use that diagram to illustrate a short essay about the economy of the country.

Note what it sells to other countries and what it has to buy from them.

Explain what that means for jobs in the country.

You can consult other sources to aid in your analysis!