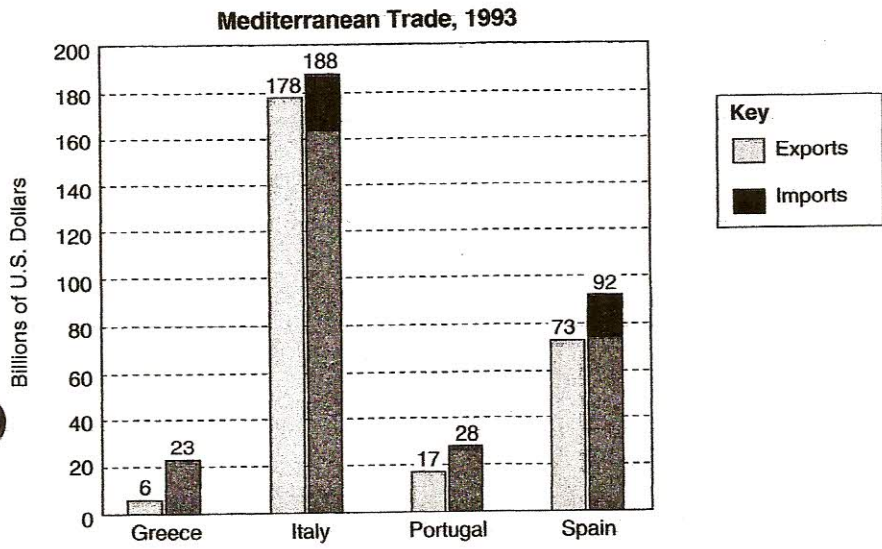


Reading a Bar Graph

A bar graph enables you to compare quantities of different things. Each bar stands for an amount of something. The longer the bar, the more there is of that item. The bar graph below compares exports and imports for four Mediterranean countries. You can use the scale on the left of the bar graph to estimate approximate quantities.

Directions: Study the bar graph below, and answer the questions that follow. Then, draw your own bar graph. Use a separate sheet of paper for your answers.



Source: *World Almanac and Book of Facts, 1996.*

1. Which country imported the most goods in 1993?
2. Which country exported the fewest goods in 1993?
3. Roughly how much did Portugal import and how much did it export in 1993?
4. Which country shows the greatest difference between the amount it imported and the amount it exported?

5. Draw a bar graph that compares average January and July temperatures in four cities. The scale on the left should start at 0°F and go to 100°F. The four cities, with their temperatures, are as follows:

Athens, Greece	January: 48°	July: 81°
Toronto, Canada	January: 23°	July: 69°
Auckland, New Zealand	January: 66°	July: 51°
Buenos Aires, Argentina	January: 74°	July: 50°

Write one or two sentences describing a conclusion that can be drawn from this graph.

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