WHY WE TRADE



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In a sunny land called Appleville, Jane grew juicy red apples. She was very good at it! Jane could also catch fish in the little pond nearby, but it took her a long time and she only caught a few. "I wish I had more fish," Jane said, looking at her small basket. Still, her apple trees were full and happy.



Far away in Fishbrook, John loved sailing his little boat and catching lots of shiny fish. He was the best fisherman around! John also tried growing apple trees, but his apples grew small and sour. "I wish I had better apples," John sighed, biting into a tiny one. He had plenty of fish, but his apple basket was almost empty.



One day, Jane and John met at a crossroads between their lands. Jane said, "I have lots of apples but few fish." John said, "I have lots of fish but few apples!" They looked at each other and smiled. "What if I grow apples, since I'm best at that," said Jane, "and you catch fish, since you're best at that?" John nodded. "Then we trade!"



Jane brought a big basket of apples, and John brought a big basket of fish. They swapped baskets happily! Now Jane had apples AND fish, and John had fish AND apples, without wasting time on the hard parts. "We both do what we're best at, then share," said Jane. "That's why we trade!" cheered John, and they ate a tasty fish-and-apple lunch together.



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