

Introducing globalisation by tracing corporate ownership

Make a list of some of the brands of the products you consume which your family buys from the supermarket. Using Wikipedia and or corporate websites see if you can find out who owns these companies, whether they are UK owned or foreign owned. If they are foreign owned you might make a note of when the company was bought by a foreign concern. It can be a little tricky doing this research, often Wikipedia is a good source of information, if the product's website itself does not give you the information you need.

Name of product	owns that product	Company that owns this company, if different	Country of ownership and date acquired if applicable
eg. Penguin biscuits	McVities	United biscuits which is now owned by Blackstone a US private equity firm	2006





Look at the ownership of the High Street companies and note whether you have seen any pattern in changes of ownership, or if there is anything about the ownership that is worth noting.
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