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# CHAOS ON THE CANAL

**PART 2: THINKING HARDER**

## LEARNING INDEPENDENTLY?

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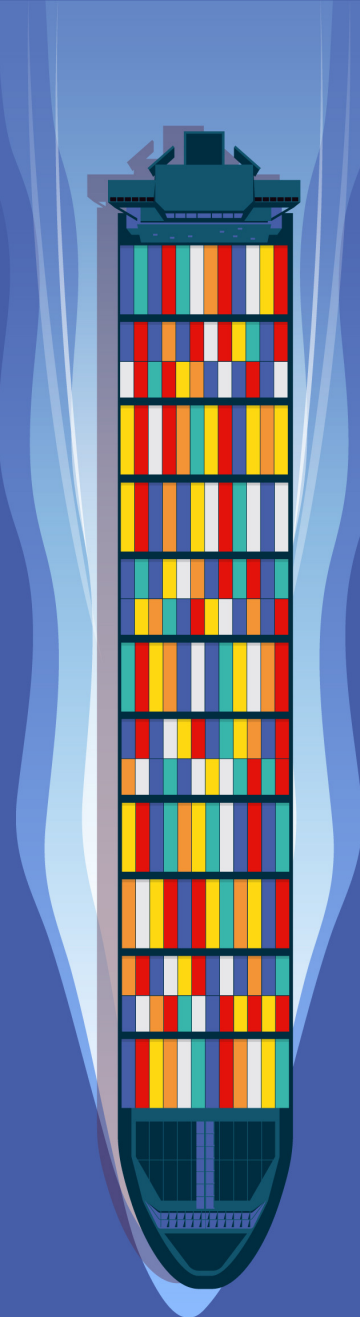


## NEWS CYCLE WEEK 2 OF 2 **THINKING HARDER**

First, limber up by thinking about everything you learnt last week:

- **What was the key information about this issue?** (Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?)
- **Why was this issue news?** (How big was this piece of news? How many people does it affect? Is it global or local news?)
- **What did you think about it?** Did everyone you talked to have the same opinion?
- **What have you seen about this in the news?** How is this issue developing?

Then, take a ride through this week's activities.



# WHAT'S THE FULL STORY?

At first, experts believed that strong winds and a sandstorm caused the *Ever Given* to become stranded. However, the Suez Canal Authority has started an investigation to find out if human error might have also been to blame.



## Around 1.7 million barrels of oil

are shipped through the canal every day. The blockage caused the price of oil to go up as businesses rushed to make sure that they had enough supplies.

A huge variety of goods were held up by the *Ever Given*, including tea, furniture and tens of thousands of animals without enough food and water for long delays in high temperatures. According to European Union law, ships with animals should load



## 25% extra food

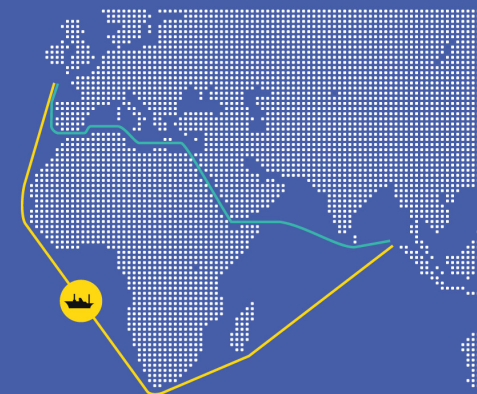
in case of delays, but animal-welfare organisations warn that this rarely happens.

Some ships were rerouted around South Africa's Cape of Good Hope to avoid being stuck in the Suez Canal.



## The 9,000km diversion

takes about ten days longer and requires more fuel.



## TURN THE COGS

1. This issue is about more than a stranded ship.  
Can you explain the bigger picture?
2. Look at the facts on the previous page.
  - How many different problems might the *Ever Given* have caused?
  - Who should pay back money that businesses lost?

**Support your answers with a fact and explain why.**

## SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS



What questions do you have about this news story?



What are the most important points to communicate?



Were there any other solutions to the problem?



What could Egyptian authorities do to stop this from happening again?

## PUSH YOURSELF

Shipping goods is very important for world trade because 90% of the world's goods are transported across water. Some ships carry up to 20,000 containers.

- Why are ships used rather than other forms of transport, such as lorries, trains or planes?
- Who is responsible for the goods when they are on the ship?

## TYRE CHANGE

Brakes on! Let's change the scenario.



A business closed because their goods arrived too late?



The *Ever Given* had taken longer to move?



It's found to be a person's fault?

**Challenge: can you spot this issue in the news? How has the issue developed since last week?**