

## CRITERIO:

14. Explicar la distribución desigual de las regiones industrializadas en el mundo, identificando las principales zonas industriales andaluzas y las consecuencias para la estabilidad social y política de dicho hecho. CSC, CCL, SIEP.

- Where in the world is industrial activity increasing and where is it decreasing?

- Some industries and businesses relocate, or move to other countries, in order to become more competitive in the market place and so obtain higher profits.

These businesses choose countries that offer a more abundant supply of cheap labour than they can find in their own countries and more advantageous fiscal conditions.

Businesses also look for countries where environmental regulations regarding industrial processes are more flexible and where there is a more permissive attitude towards waste disposal.


### Luxury clothes made in China

Moving factories to Asia or Africa no longer seems to be a problem for clothes manufacturers who produce designer labels.

The big names in fashion now operate their own factories in the LEDCs (China, Vietnam and Mauritius, among others) where they manufacture a range of fashion items at a much lower cost. Many of these designers do not hide the fact that they produce clothes in these countries and maintain that the quality of the clothes depends on the brand, not on where they are produced.

However, most of these companies feel uncomfortable when questioned about this, as it is not clear if the lower manufacturing costs are actually reflected in the retail price when the items go on sale in shops here.

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- a) What does industrial outsourcing mean?
- b) Why do businesses choose outsource?
- c) What does industrial offshoring mean?
- d) What are the drawbacks for countries that accept companies that choose to outsource or offshore?
- e) Can you give an example of a company that outsources and/or offshores part of its production processes?

- Complete this table about industry in Andalusia in your notebook.

**MAIN INDUSTRIAL AREAS**

**INDUSTRIAL SECTOR**