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DIRECTIONS: Read the new sentence and the passage that follows. Click on the square [...] that marks the best position for the sentence.

Look at the four squares [...] that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

Trading one item for another is a simple idea when given certain circumstances.

Click on the square [...] that marks the best position for the sentence.

In economics, barter is one of the early systems of conducting business primarily in pre-currency cultures. It is a system of trading one set of goods or services for another. [...] The "Old West" trading post of the nineteenth-century U.S. frontier is an example of a successful barter enterprise because of the unique circumstances that existed. [...] First, there were willing traders with goods who were in physical proximity. That is, the native or local people and the trading posts were close enough so that goods such as fur and meat could be exchanged for metal tools and weapons. Also, the goods to be exchanged were desired by each party. Finally, the traders' needs coincided in time. [...] This was the final condition that made the frontier trading post a model of success, one that would be difficult to duplicate today in most modern societies. [...]