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| **Reason for China’s economic growth:** | **What is this?** | **How did this help China’s economy to grow?** |
| Labour Supply | China has a large labour supply because they have the words largest population which means there are lots and lots of people who can work. | A large labour force would have helped China’s economy because if there are more people working it means the country can make more money. For example, there will be more people working in factories which means more goods will be produced and so more money can be made from selling the goods. |
| Reduced Poverty | China has managed to lift 439 million people out of poverty since 1990. This means there are a lot less people who are extremely poor and who can’t afford basic things like food and shelter | The fact that less people in China are now in poverty means that they must now be working in jobs which pay a minimum wage. If they are working this helps to improve the economy as it helps the country to make money. But, importantly, if people are making more money they have more money to spend on the things they want. If people in China buy more goods the country makes more money. |
| More female workers | China’s introduction of The One Child Policy has meant that there are far more women available to work as they are not having as many children. | This is the same as the **labour supply**; if more people are working it means the country will be able to make more money |
| Investment in Infrastructure | China has spent a lot of money on improving their infrastructure which has included building better roads, railways and ports. | The government have spent lots of money on improving things like roads, railways and ports. This has improved the economy for many reasons included the fact that people can now travel much more easily which increases their ability to get a job. Also, China now has 5 of the largest container ports in the world which means they can export the goods the make quickly and easy to other countries. |
| Low Wages | People in China are often not paid very much for the jobs that they do. | If people are not paid a lot for doing jobs, such as making goods in factories, it means the country makes more money when the sell their products. |
| Energy Supply | China produced and uses lots of coal. It uses this coal in it’s power stations. | China has lots of coal which means it can run it’s power stations easily and cheaply. This means they have lots of electricity to power work places, such as factories. |
| Natural Resources | There are lots of natural resources found in China. People can mine for these resources to use and sell them. | Natural resources such as gold, coal and oil are extremely desirable products which people pay a lot of money for. China has a lot of these resources and so can use them and sell them for a lot of money. |
| Location | China has access to lots of other countries in Asia which also have very good economies. | This means it can trade (sell to and buy from) easily with countries close by. The closer the country is the less the transport costs will be so more money can be made. |