

GUIDED READING Activity 7-1

For use with textbook pages 169-175

DEMAND

FILLING IN THE BLANKS

Directions: Use your textbook to fill in the blanks using the words in the box. Some words may be used more than once.

voluntary exchange	market economy	supply
substitution effect	demand	buyer
law of demand	quantity demanded	utility
marginal utility	real income effect	market
law of diminishing marginal utility		

The Marketplace

In a 1 _____, consumers have a great influence on the prices of all goods and services. 2 _____ is what people want to buy and how much they will pay for it, while 3 _____ is the amount of goods and services that producers are able and willing to sell at a particular price. A 4 _____ represents the freely chosen actions between buyers and sellers of goods and services. 5 _____ involves a buyer and seller working toward satisfactory terms of exchange. In order to make an exchange, both the 6 _____ and seller must believe they will be better off than before.

The Law of Demand

The 7 _____ states that there is an inverse, or opposite, relationship between quantity demanded and price. Different factors explain the inverse relationship between price and 8 _____, or how much people will buy of any item at a particular price. If a person's income stays the same while prices rise, they will not be able to buy the same quantity of goods. This concept is known as the 9 _____. The 10 _____ states that if two items satisfy the same need and the price of one rises, people will buy the cheaper product. Economists use the term 11 _____ to describe the amount of satisfaction a product brings. The amount of additional satisfaction one gets from a purchase is known as 12 _____. However, with each additional purchase the amount of satisfaction lessens. This is known as the 13 _____.

GUIDED READING Activity 7-2

For use with textbook pages 177-185

THE DEMAND CURVE AND ELASTICITY OF DEMAND

RECALLING THE FACTS

Directions: Use the information in your textbook to answer the questions.

Graphing the Demand Curve

1. What is shown on a demand schedule?

2. What is a demand curve?

Determinants of Demand

3. How is a change in quantity demanded similar to and different from a change in demand?

Similar: _____

Different: _____

4. What five factors can affect the demand for a specific product?

5. What is a complementary product?

The Price Elasticity of Demand

6. What do economists call elasticity?

7. What is the measure of how much consumers will respond to price changes?

8. What is the difference between elastic and inelastic demand?

9. What three factors determine the price elasticity of demand?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

GUIDED READING Activity 7-3

For use with textbook pages 186-193

THE LAW OF SUPPLY AND THE SUPPLY CURVE

OUTLINING

Directions: Locate the heading in your textbook. Then use the information under the heading to help you write each answer.

I. Profits and the Law of Supply

A. What is the law of supply?

B. In the case of supply, what does a higher price do for a producer?

II. The Supply Curve

A. How is the price of a product affected if production is expanded?

B. What does a supply curve show?

C. What is the main difference between a demand curve and a supply curve?

III. The Determinants of Supply

A. Price of Inputs—How does the supply curve shift if the price of inputs drops?

B. Number of Firms in the Industry—If more firms enter an industry, what happens to supply?

C. Taxes—How would an increase in government taxes affect the supply curve?

D. Technology—How does an improvement in technology affect supply?

IV. The Law of Diminishing Returns—What is the law of diminishing returns?

GUIDED READING Activity 7-4

For use with textbook pages 194-199

PUTTING SUPPLY AND DEMAND TOGETHER

RECALLING THE FACTS

Directions: Use the information in your textbook to answer the questions.

Equilibrium Price

1. What happens as the price of a good decreases?

2. What is the equilibrium price?

3. How can economists visualize equilibrium price?

Prices as Signals

4. How do prices serve as signals to producers and consumers?

Producers: _____

Consumers: _____

5. When do shortages or surpluses of products occur?

Shortage: _____

Surplus: _____

Price Controls

6. Why does the government sometimes control prices?

7. What are price ceilings?

8. What are two nonmarket ways of distributing goods and services?

9. Why does the government set price floors?
