1 economics

the study of how people use resources to produce, distribute and consume goods and services



Example: Trucks, ships, and railroads are used for distribution.

3 consumption

the process of using natural resources or goods and services



Example: The snowy winter resulted in an increase in the consumption of snow shovels and warm clothing.

5 distribution



moving goods and services directly to or near consumers

Example: Trucks, ships, and railroads are used for the distribution of goods across the United States.

7 natural (land) resources



any physical environmental item that people perceive to be useful

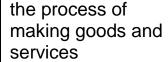
Example: Natural resources include water, soil, trees, and minerals.

2 economic system

an organized way a society uses to produce, distribute, and consume goods and services

Example: An economic system where the interactions of buyers and sellers determine what is produce, how it is produced and for whom is known as a market economic system.

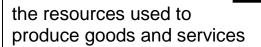
4 production





Example: An assembly line is used in the production of automobiles.

factors of production



Example: The factors of production are also called "productive resources" and include land, labor, and capital.

8 human (labor) resources

workers and their abilities, talents, training, skills, and knowledge used to produce goods or services



Example: Human resources may refer to physical or mental efforts.

9 capital resources



equipment or goods (machinery, tools, factories, stores, vehicles, etc.) that are used to produce other goods and services

Example: Tractors used to harvest crops are capital resources.

10 economic globalization

the development of increased interconnections and interdependence of many different economic systems marked by free trade and the free flow of capital, labor, and resources

Example: Economic globalization has made countries more connected and interdependent than ever before.

11 command economy



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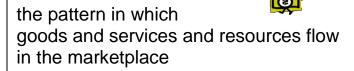
Example: In a command economy, prices are set by the government.

12 market economy

an economic system in which the three main economic questions are answered by the interaction of buyers and sellers

Example: In a market economy, prices are set when sellers and buyers agree on the price for a good or service.

13 circular flow



Example: In the circular flow model, you can see how money travels from people to businesses and back to people again.

14 mixed economy



a combination of command and market economies

Example: Most countries in the world today have mixed economies.

15 monopoly

a situation in which one company controls an industry or is the only provider of a product or service

Example: The company had a monopoly on tires so it could set the prices high and did not have to worry about competition.

16 regulation

a government rule with the force of law that states what may or may not be done or how something must be done



Example: Many government regulations are aimed at protecting the health and safety of consumers.

17 Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

the total value of all goods and services produced in a country

Example: GDP is often used as a measurement of economic development.

18 development improved quality of life

Example: Development leads to increased literacy rates and decreased poverty.

19 quality of life

the well-being of a person or a group

Example: Education and health care can all improve quality of life.

20 development indicators

factors used to compare the development of one region against another

Example: GDP and life expectancy are development indicators.

21 infrastructure

the basic equipment, structures, and systems needed for a society or community to run



Example: Growth in developing countries is often difficult due to the lack an adequate infrastructure such as transportation, communication, sewage, water and electric systems.