

Topic 1.1: Scarcity

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Topic 1.1 — Vocabulary

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Term	Definition
Scarcity	The condition in which wants are unlimited but resources are limited.
Economic resources	The inputs used to produce goods and services; the factors of production.
Land	All natural resources used in production (soil, water, minerals, oil, forests).
Labor	Human physical and mental effort used in production.
Capital	Manufactured aids to production — tools, machines, buildings. NOT money.
Entrepreneurship	The initiative that organizes the other resources and takes the risk of producing.
Goods	Tangible products.
Services	Intangible products — work done for someone.
Economic good	A good that is scarce and therefore carries a price.
Free good	A good available in unlimited amounts at zero price (rare).
Shortage	A temporary gap where quantity demanded exceeds quantity supplied at the current price.
Trade-off	What is sacrificed when one option is chosen over another.
Opportunity cost	The value of the next-best alternative given up by a choice.
Marginal analysis	Comparing the added benefit and added cost of one more unit.