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Teacher's Introduction

This course companion has been designed to introduce students to the third element of this course: Enterprise (Pearson BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2). This unit, Marketing and Finance for Enterprise, is an externally examined piece of work, and the contents of this course companion will allow pupils to learn the theory needed for this.

Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

Throughout there are activities which will develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of marketing and finance concepts. Pupils will learn how enterprises identify and target markets and make marketing decisions using the marketing mix (4 Ps). Pupils will learn about the financial documentation used by businesses and be able to use ratios to analyse business finances. They will be able to understand the difference between liquidity and profitability and recognise the importance of financial planning. Finally, pupils will be able to recognise sources of finance available to businesses and be able to recognise the appropriateness of each for different scenarios.

Most activities will lend themselves to peer-assessment and class discussion. Sample answers for activity 3 and activities 7 through to 15 can be found at the end of this course companion. Practice questions can be found at the end of each section, and answers for these are provided at the end of the resource. A glossary has also been provided to support pupils' learning.

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Learning Outcome A: Marketing a

A1: Targeting and segmenting the market

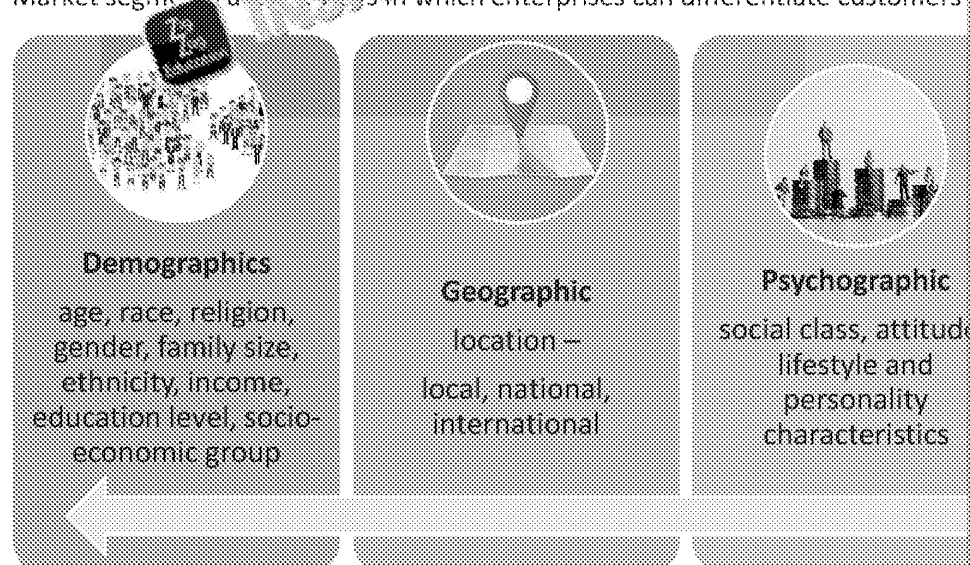
It is important that enterprises target their customers by segmenting the market.

Target market

This is the market an enterprise wants to sell its products or services to. This can be an example, a small fish and chip van that travels to different areas on different days on the different days, based on the location of the van. For some businesses this example, they may have a very niche market, such as selling collectable model railway customers will be spread over a wide location, making it more difficult to decide.

Market segmentation

Market segments are the ways in which enterprises can differentiate customers.



Some examples of these market segments are:

Demographics	Age	A small shop selling children's toys and games for their parents.
	Family size	A small garage specialising in second-hand cars, such as people carriers, will be aimed at large families.
Geographic	Local	A window cleaner will be targeting a market in a specific area.
	National	An online business selling specialist holidays in the UK, they don't need to meet face to face.
Psychographic	Lifestyle	A sports shoe shop can target its markets based on the activities customers partake in – rugby, football, golf, etc.
	Social status	Some businesses could target their products at a specific social status. For example, a shop selling exclusive branded clothing.
Behavioural	Desired benefits	A café may start offering special 'meal deals' if a target segment is looking for quick convenience.
	Usage	Some businesses would prefer to target their customers who have regular usage as opposed to very little usage. For example, above selling takeaway coffee compared to a shop where customers would happily buy a coffee every day compared to a shop where they would only buy a coffee once a week.

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Activity 1

Choose four entrepreneurs. For each entrepreneur create a profile of their target market.

Example

This is Laura. She owns a small nail salon, Pretty Nails, in the local town.

Her target market can be described as:

- Mainly women between the ages of 16 and 60 from all races and religions
- Most socio-economic groups, but mainly those who are working with a good level of disposable income
- Mainly women who live within a 12-mile radius of the salon



Markets

There are four types of market that a business can be in:

Business to business (B2B)

Business to business is when one business sells to other businesses.

This may be buying flour in tanks for a food production factory, or it could be a flower shop buying flowers directly from the flower growers.



This is the market where businesses sell directly to customers. Anywhere you have ever shopped will be in a business-to-consumer market. So, if you've ever bought flowers, you will not have gone to a flower market directly; you will have bought them from a retail shop.

Niche market

A niche market is a specialist market. The target market for a niche market is usually very specialised. It may be a market for specialist hobbies, such as a crochet supplies shop or a golf shop. It may be for a smaller group of people, such as a shop selling pure vegan food.



A mass market is a market that includes everyone. Everyone will buy from this market. Think of very general products that we all buy; for example, many things sold in supermarkets are for a mass market. Many of the big brands sell products for the mass market, e.g. Heinz Tomato Ketchup, Kellogg's Corn Flakes and Cadbury Dairy Milk.

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A2: 4 Ps of the marketing mix

The 4 Ps are also known as the marketing mix. The 4 Ps are the key elements to the marketing mix and they must work together to be effective. Any enterprise will use the 4 Ps to enable them to meet their business aims, whether it be establishing a loyal customer base or developing a reputation for a brand. Developments in technology in recent years have changed many aspects of the marketing mix, and we will look at how digital marketing methods are used in addition to the more traditional marketing strategies.



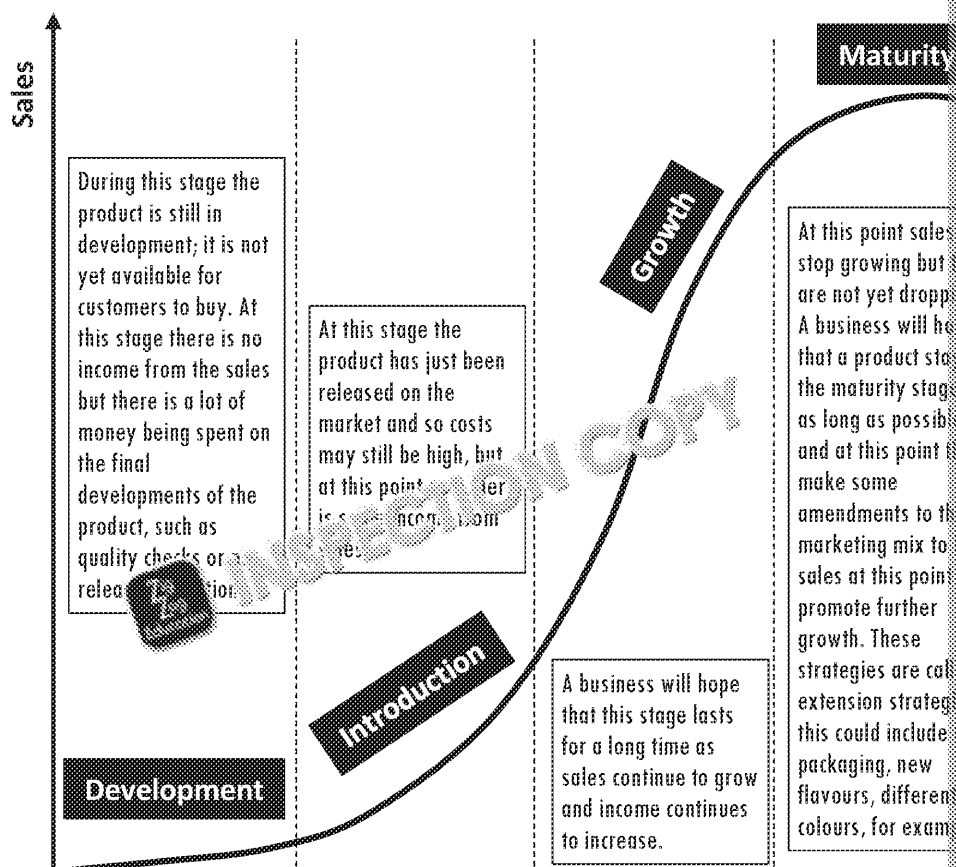
Product

Product portfolio

Any business will usually have a range of products or services, and a business's product portfolio is a way of looking at all of these collectively. A business may do this so it can analyse the sales of its products and make decisions about any gaps it may have in its product range; for example, it should stop producing, or even products that it should produce more; for example, a business can recognise which are its very best products – those that are in a market that is growing and in which they have a large market share. Most businesses want to have products or services which sell well, and have many loyal customers; the business does not have to spend much money promoting these as they will rely on repeat purchases.

Product life cycle

The product life cycle plots the sales of a product over time so that we can see when sales are increasing and decreasing. As shown below there are five stages:



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USP – unique selling point

Every business wants a unique selling point (USP). A USP is something that makes a product or service stand out from its competitors. Let's have a look at some examples.

- A barbershop having adapted seats for children, with a games controller attached to the seat to keep them entertained when they are having their hair cut.
- A doggy day care with a live stream so that dog owners can log in during the day to see their pets.
- A dress shop that delivers the same day.

Activity 2

Choose three businesses and for each one think about what its current USP is.

Create a new USP for each of the three businesses you have identified. Then, discuss whether you have similar ideas.

Branding, brand personality and brand image

A brand is the identity of the business. This can be portrayed through the business name, its logo, its slogan or even a simple icon. Many businesses have a very recognisable brand for which you could very quickly say the slogan or identify the logo.

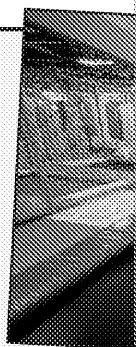
Smaller enterprises can struggle to develop their brand on a wide basis but over time can have the same impact in a smaller market. Having a brand helps a business develop its image and increase customer loyalty. Small businesses can be very successful at creating a strong brand even though it may be on a smaller scale. It is likely that you and people who live locally may know a small business, such as a café or takeaway, and will be aware of its brand image. The smaller businesses will have to be more creative while creating an advertising budget of a large business. This may be through having the slogan of the business on the window, on the menus, or on their social media, or even through actions. If a small business is promoting itself as an ethical business, then actions to show it is ethical may include sourcing fair trade products, paying staff fairly, using only recycled packaging.

The focus of branding and medium can be helpful to the success of well-known brands which have a long history and which they can develop and grow.

But SMEs can develop their brand in some small ways, such as a brand in your local area.

Case study

Phillipe and Sila set up Roos 10 years ago. Roos is an indoor trampoline park set up in a warehouse which can accommodate up to 70 children a day. It has a café, which is very popular, and also offers an after-school club. Phillipe and Sila were very clear when setting up the business that they wanted to create a brand which both parents and children would relate to. They wanted parents to recognise that the Roos brand meant a safe place for their children to play and that children recognised the brand as a fun place. The logo is a little kangaroo jumping on a trampoline and the brand is within the building. There are signs throughout which show parents that on the trampolines the 'Kangas' will keep an eye on their little 'Roos'. The 'Kangas' are Sila and their role is to ensure that the children are safe and having fun. Even though they are strong, they have a 'Roos Treats' menu. To help build the brand, Phillipe and Sila have a little jingle which they also play inside the park. The children know the same message about a safe and fun environment. In this case the brand is not just a name but a strong among the target market and this is what is important to 'Roos'.



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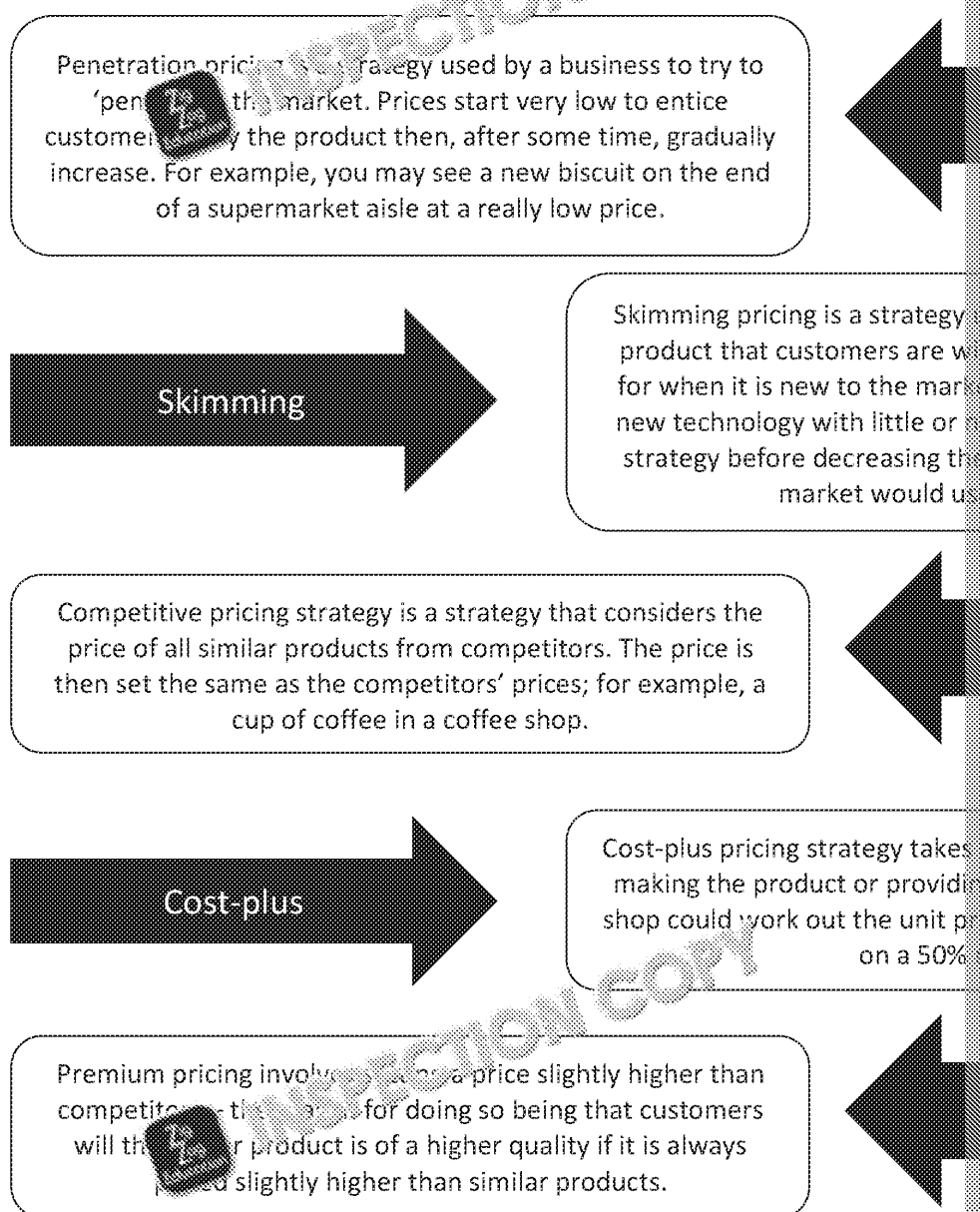
The positives of a strong brand are:

- **Attracting customers** – a local restaurant with a strong brand will attract more customers than a restaurant with a weak brand. Potential customers will recognise the restaurant from its brand and choose to eat out there.
- **Retaining customers** – this is easier if a business has a strong brand. While a brand can be smart and flashy, it can be other things as well: imagine a local café that is known for its friendly atmosphere – their customers come back because they value a low price and a friendly atmosphere.

Price

Pricing strategies

Before setting a price, a business will consider many things: the competition, the customer expectations. Below are some of the pricing strategies that businesses use.



Activity 3

For each of the strategies above, give further examples of products and service strategies could be used.

Justify your reasons for each of these suggestions.

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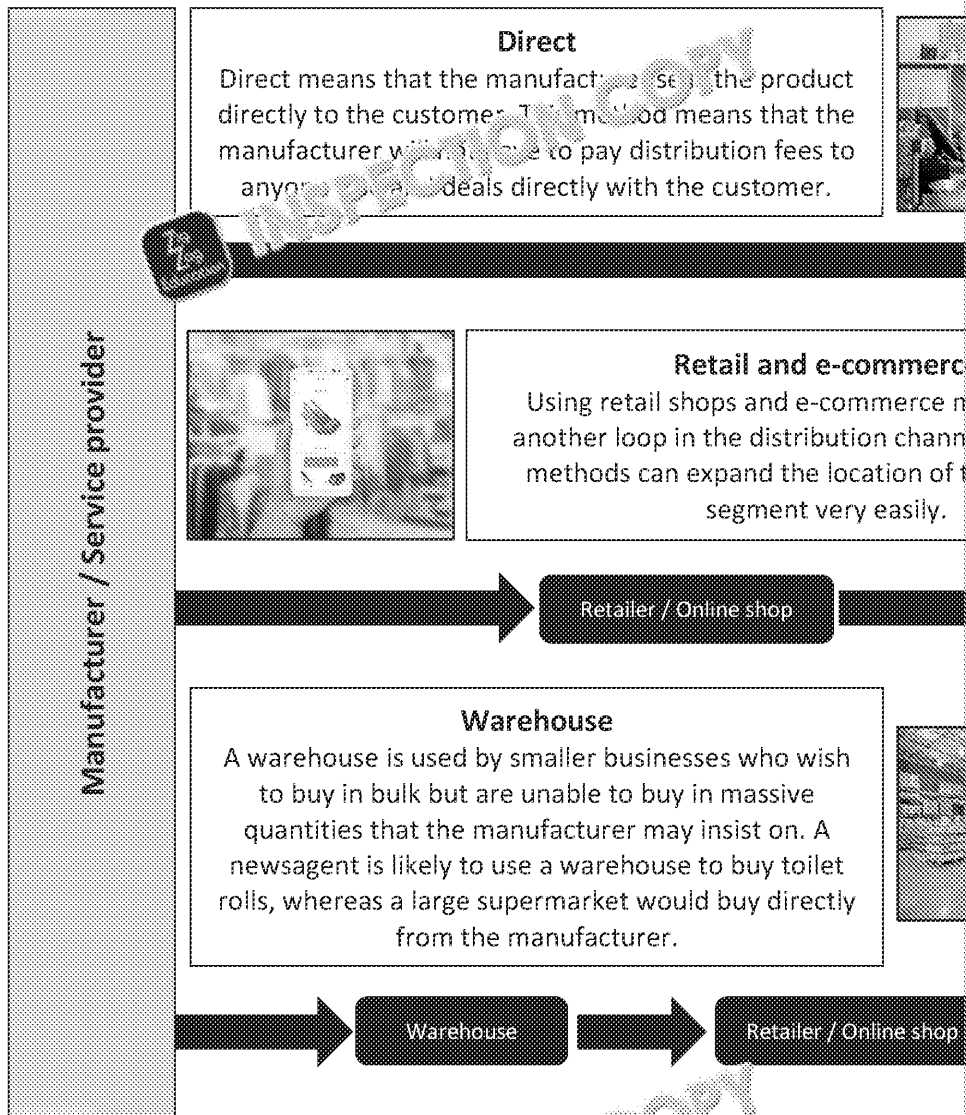


Place

Digital and physical distribution of products

Place refers to how the product or service gets from the manufacturer to the customer. There are many different routes this can take and each will have an impact on the final costs for the business and the time it takes for a product to get to the customer.

You, as a customer will be used to buying products from shops, known as retailers; likewise, you will probably have also bought online, this is known as e-commerce.



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Promotion

Promotional mix

There are many elements to promotion and the methods a business will use will depend on how big their market is, the segmentation and – very importantly – the budget. A business can use a range of media to promote the same message. For example, a used car dealership could use social media, premises, leaflets posted in the nearby area, a radio advert and a TikTok account to promote the same message.

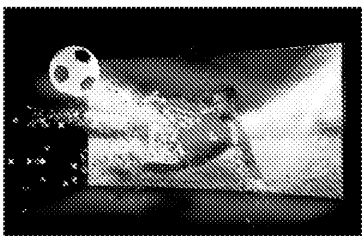

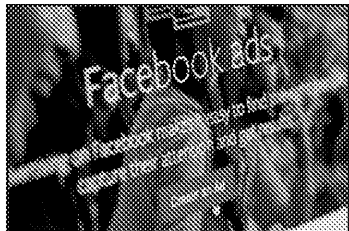
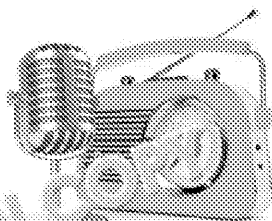
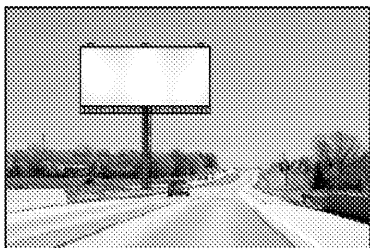

Advertising

Advertising is the process of getting a message out to customers. Sometimes advertising is purely promotional, on other occasions it can be informative.

Persuasive advertising is used to make the customer believe that they need that product. A persuasive advert may give the customer the impression that by buying a product they will be a better, fitter, smarter, sexier or even richer.

Informative advertising informs the customer about the benefits of the product or service. An insurance company would be informative – it would have details of payment and cover.

Media used in advertising

Television	Magazine	
<p>This is expensive but can reach a wide audience and products can be demonstrated.</p> 	<p>This is a good method for targeting certain customers, e.g. advertising a golf bag in a golf magazine.</p> 	
Social media	Radio	
<p>Used widely by most businesses; easy to share videos demonstrating products.</p> 	<p>Adverts with catchy singalong slogans are often used to gain customer attention and retention.</p> 	Retention
Billboard	Transport signage	
<p>Often used in busy areas where there is a lot of passing traffic, e.g. traffic lights or roundabouts.</p> 	<p>Cars, vans, lorries and buses often have business logos, slogans and details on the sides of the vehicle.</p> 	

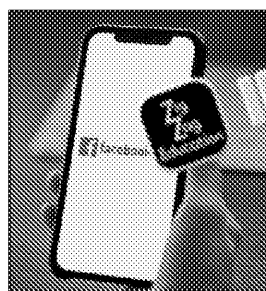
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Public relations

It is important to businesses that the public has a good perception of them. Businesses carry out 'public relations' so that they can control the way that the public think about the business. One method of doing this is sponsorship. Businesses small and large choose this as a method of supporting local sports, for example, while getting their brand advertised.

Other methods of PR include communicating with the public through the media and social media. Online public relations (OPR) is any form of public relations that is carried out online. During the 2020 COVID pandemic, lots of businesses resorted to this method, e.g. theatres streaming past recordings for free; businesses providing online workbooks for children out of school.



Social media marketing

Social media is a very effective way for businesses to advertise through creating an advert and specifically choosing a set of people they wish the advert to appear on.

Businesses very often will promote on social media using 'like and share'. Advertising on social media allows businesses to advertise for a much smaller price than television advertising.

Personal selling

Personal selling relies on the salespeople having face-to-face meetings with potential customers. You may have had someone knock on your door trying to sell you windows or a conservatory – the pharmaceutical industry uses this method a great deal; salespeople – commonly known as 'door-to-door' sales – go from house to house with doctors and tell them the benefits of their medicines in the hope that the doctor will prescribe them.

Direct marketing

There are many examples of direct marketing. This is when a business advertises directly to its customers, maybe by sending them an email or a brochure through the post. You have received an email from the publishers of this course companion, telling them about direct marketing – advertising to those people or businesses who are potential customers.

Sales promotion

Sales promotion is any type of special offer a business may use to try to encourage sales. Examples include:

- BOGOF – buy one, get one free
- 20% discount
- Loyalty card

'Above the line' and 'below the line' promotion



'Above the line' promotion includes lots of media advertising that is seen by the masses, such as TV, newspaper and billboard advertising.

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Below the line promotion is a lot more targeted to certain groups of people, such as personal selling and direct marketing.

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Activity 4

You've been asked by Gio to help with a promotional campaign for his brand. He needs help with all of the tasks listed below, and would like you to present a presentation which you can share with your class. You can then peer-assess to be the best promotional campaign.

So, Gio has decided to name his business 'Gio's', but he needs suggestions for each of the following:

- ✓ A logo and a slogan
- ✓ Three advertising methods that he could use (you'll need to remember that his target market is local people, that he has quite a small budget for marketing, but the business is brand new so he does need to establish himself)
- ✓ Two sales promotional methods that would be appropriate to Gio's

Multichannel marketing: using a range of traditional and/or digital methods

To be successful and to reach out to as many potential customers as possible, businesses use a range of marketing techniques. Larger businesses have more money to do this; for the many, many ways in which they advertise. They can afford these many techniques, endorsement, and this is successful for them. These large businesses can afford to use many ways at any given time; this will increase their exposure to the target market. Now, for the enterprises you have studied; it is very unlikely that they can afford all of these methods, but that they use a variety of these methods on a smaller scale. Tom is a personal trainer who uses a variety of methods of marketing at the same time:

- **Advertising** – Tom takes out an advert in the local newspaper once a month and has his logo on the side of his car.
- **Public relations** – Tom attends the local primary school once a fortnight and speaks to the school with parents and children. He does this free of charge because he finds it a good approach him for personal training sessions; he also thinks this is good for his business.
- **Social media marketing** – Tom has a Facebook account which has many followers through which he promotes body transformations. He thinks this is effective and spread the word.
- **Sales promotion** – Tom has created a loyalty scheme for his clients – they get a discount on their next session. Prior to this, many people would stop after about eight sessions, so this has helped to retain more clients.

In addition to a business considering the cost of advertising, it must think about the time it takes to advertise. A business is aiming to break even then it is likely that it will allocate only a small amount of money to advertising, therefore, will not be opting for advertising media that are expensive. If a medium-sized business is gaining customer loyalty then it may use below the line advertising and opt for sales promotion. A business with ethical aims may want to ensure that the message of these is prevalent.

Activity 5

This activity will help you to develop your revision techniques.

1. Read through the 4 Ps – product, price, place and promotion.
2. Now read through the 4 Ps again.
3. Now it's time to make an 'information drop'. Note down everything you remember from the 4 Ps.
4. Once you've done this, have a look back through and see which bits you have not noted of these and rereading these parts.
5. Do this activity again in a week's time to help this 'stick' in your mind.

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A3: Factors influencing the choice of marketing methods

There are several factors that will affect the marketing methods that a business will choose.

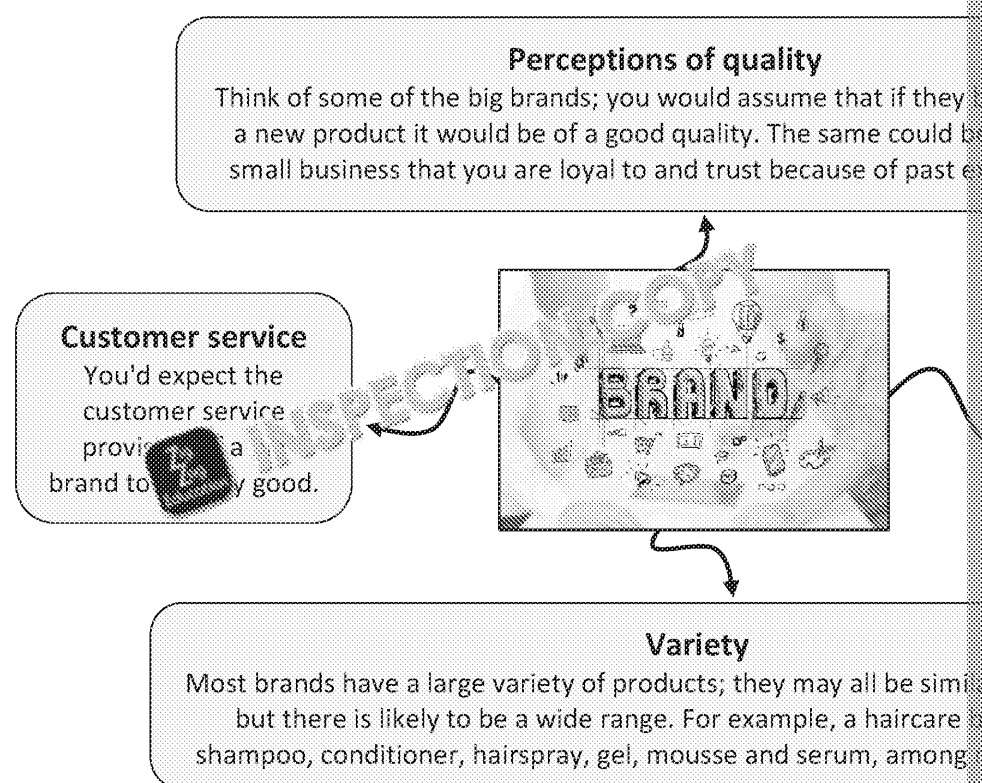
Appropriateness for product and its brand image	
<p>Some products need to be demonstrated in the advert and so only something where a video can be shared would be appropriate, such as a TV advert or a TikTok advert.</p> <p>For example, a vacuum cleaner advert could be used to demonstrate how much dirt the vacuum can pick up off the floor.</p>	<p>Some products or brands may be exclusive and high-end, such as a very expensive watch. It would not be appropriate to advertise this product using methods such as a billboard which lots of people can see. It may be advertised very differently, such as through marketing or even rely on endorsements (public figures).</p>
Speed/accessibility of information / Ease of reaching target market	
<p>If a business needs to communicate a marketing message with customers very quickly then this is something it may do through direct marketing, possibly by sending emails or making phone calls to customers, rather than spending months planning a TV advert and recording it.</p>	<p>If a business can reach its target market quite direct and personally then it may use promotion methods such as direct mail. Many small businesses may not have the speed of creating a large-scale campaign with their target market.</p>
Cost to the enterprise	
<p>A small business such as a local butcher will not have the marketing budget of a large business and so its marketing methods will be low-budget. It may rely purely on signage outside the shop and adverts in the window showing any sales promotion.</p>	<p>A large business will have a lot more money to spend on marketing methods and will probably use a wide variety of marketing methods. McDonald's, for example, is a multinational business and uses billboard advertising. It is heavily involved in sponsoring sports events.</p>
Competitors' activities	
<p>Sometimes a business will carry out marketing activities as a response to the marketing activities of its competitors. For example, a café in a town may start doing a takeaway afternoon tea. This would be a response to other local cafés copying and start to do the same. Likewise, a training instructor may offer a special deal when learners pre-book 10 lessons. It is likely that the local competitors will follow suit.</p>	
Experience of the entrepreneur	
<p>An experienced entrepreneur will have had successes and failures with marketing and will be in a position where they know what works for their business and what doesn't. A new entrepreneur may have to try a variety of marketing methods before they can do their business.</p>	

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A4: Trust, reputation and loyalty

Brand image is important to businesses and in this section we will explore how image and reputation are for attracting and retaining customers of enterprises.



Importance of reputation

Businesses will make every effort to ensure that the public has a positive opinion of them. One way that the public will think of them as being ethically responsible and they are likely to be successful.

- One of the most popular ways for businesses to do this is by being **environmentally friendly**. This can be achieved in many ways in which businesses can become more **environmentally friendly**. This includes using sustainable products, reducing waste in production, creating their own energy and using other new initiatives.
- Another way would be to ensure that all **marketing techniques used are ethical**. This means not making false claims in any advertising and not breaking any competition rules. Businesses should **reject controversial marketing techniques**; for example, those that are based on offensive claims or by including statements that could cause harm.
- In ensuring that a business protects its reputation it must also provide **excellent customer service**. This can be achieved by creating strategies and systems which ensure that all customers receive a high standard of service with effectively.
- Other ways in which businesses can enhance their reputation through types of public relations, is by **supporting the local community**, for example, by donating prizes to local sports teams.

Each of these points is important for businesses to consider to ensure that the public has a positive opinion of them. This will result in higher sales and help the business become more competitive.

Activity 6

Carry out research on three businesses. Look at how the business presents itself, what are its business aims? From what you can find, summarise how that business ensures the public has a positive perception of the business; for example, sponsoring a local sports team is an aim.

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Practice questions – Marketing activities

DJ Dance is a mobile DJ run by Darrell. He has two employees, Tegan and Theo, who work part-time. They travel around the whole of the South West and regularly perform at parties and festivals.

1. There are lots of mobile DJs in the market.
 - a) Give **two** examples of USPs that DJ Dance could use.
 - b) Explain **one** way a USP is important to an enterprise.
2. DJ Dance operates in both the business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) markets. Explain **two** different promotional techniques that could be used in these markets.
 - a) Business to business
 - b) Business to consumer
3. DJ Dance uses a competitive pricing strategy. Discuss why this pricing strategy is suitable for this type of business.

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Learning Outcome B: Financial documents

B1: Financial documents

Types of financial documents – when a business purchases something from a supplier or sells something to a customer, there is a list of financial documents that are exchanged. See over the page.

Financial document	
Purchase order (Customer → Supplier) A purchase order is completed by a customer stating what they would like to order and then this is sent to the supplier. It will include details such as number of units required, product codes, prices and delivery details.	Purchase order is a document that a customer sends to a supplier to order goods or services. It is a legal document that the supplier must follow exactly.
Delivery note and goods received note (Supplier → Customer) A delivery note is attached to the delivery and lists all the items that the delivery includes. This is kept by the customer. An almost identical document is the goods received note . This is signed on delivery by the customer and goes back to the supplier so that they can confirm that the customer received their package.	These documents are used to keep a record of the goods that are delivered to the customer and received by the supplier.
Invoice (Supplier → Customer) An invoice is then sent from the supplier to the customer. This is a request for payment.	This document is used by the supplier to request payment from the customer. It is a legal document that the customer must pay for the goods or services they are provided.
Credit note (Supplier → Customer) If there is a problem with an order, or items are missing, then the customer may be due a refund. This can be done through a credit note. A credit note is like a voucher to use at that business at some other point. It is given instead of a cash refund.	This document is used by the supplier to request a refund from the customer. It is a legal document that the customer must use to get a refund.
Statement of account (Supplier → Customer) A statement of account shows the orders and payments made over a certain period of time and will show the current balance (how much the customer is owing to the supplier). It can be sent on a monthly basis or sometimes on a quarterly basis (every three months).	This is a document that the supplier sends to the customer to show the current balance and what is owed. It will help the customer to keep track of their orders and payments.
Remittance advice slip (Customer → Supplier) A remittance advice slip is sent by the customer to the supplier to show that they have paid for their order.	This is used by the customer to show the supplier that they have paid for their order. When you receive a remittance advice slip, it's important to check that it's correct and that you don't chase for payment already paid.
Receipt (Supplier → Customer) A receipt is sent to the customer to show that payment has been received.	This is used by the supplier to confirm that payment has been received from the customer. It is a legal document that the customer must keep it on for their records.

Revision tip

To help you remember the order of these, come up with a mnemonic. First, write out the letters of the documents (PO – purchase order) like so: PO, DN, I, CN, SA, R, R. Then, come up with a saying – known as a mnemonic – to help you remember the order.

For example:

Penguins dance in circles singing rapid raps.

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Purchase order (template)

Business Name:		Date
		Customer number
Supplier:		Delivery Address:
Qty	Item description / Code	Unit price
		Discount
		Delivery
		VAT
		Total

Delivery Note (template)

Supplier Name:		Date	
		Your order number	
		Our reference number	
Terms: Payment no later than 28 days		Date delivery due	
Customer name and address:			
Order code	Description	Number ordered	Number received

Goods Received Note (GRN) (template)

Business Name:		Date
		GRN number
Customer name and address:		
Quantity	Item description	Order code

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Invoice (template)

Supplier Name:		Date
		Customer number
Customer name and address:		
Qty	Item description / Code	Unit price
		Disc
		Deliver
		VAT
		Total

Credit Note (template)

Supplier Name:		Date
		Credit note number
Customer name and address:		
Qty	Description	Unit price
Reason for credit:		Goods
		VAT @
		Total

Remittance Advice (template)

Business Name:		Date
		Customer reference
Customer name and address:		
Invoice date	Invoice reference number	Invoice total
Total amount paid		
Total invoice amount still owing		

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Receipt (template)

Supplier Name:		Date
		Receipt number
Customer name and address:		
Qty	Description	
		Subtotal
		VAT @ 20%
		Total paid

Importance of accuracy when these documents are kept

It is important for both the customer and the business supplying the products that the documents are completed correctly. Here are some examples of what may happen if these documents are not completed correctly.

- * Order form is completed inaccurately – the customer will not get what they ordered. The business may also order too much stock.
- * The goods received note is not signed by the customer and returned to the business. The business does not know whether the customer received the order and may send out more goods.
- * The customer does not compare the statement of account with their records. This may lead to an incorrect balance.

Importance of accurate financial documents and records for business accounting

If there are any mistakes it could affect the accounting of the business. Here are some examples of what may happen if these documents are not completed correctly.

- * A customer sends payment to the supplier without the remittance advice slip. The supplier does not know the payment is from – they may send another invoice to the customer, who may not pay it. This would result in an unhappy customer who may then decide not to use the business.
- * A business may not keep a record of its receipts. This would mean that all of its financial records would be inaccurate if the business doesn't have a clear record of what it has spent money on.

A business needs to keep its business accounts up to date and accurate at all times. It needs to know its costs and revenues, and give it a clear picture of how much money it has in the bank for bills.

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B2: Payment methods

Payment methods

Cash

Cash is a method of payment that in recent years has been used less and less. Cash is a safe and easy method of payment and it is generally accepted everywhere. In more recent times, however, some businesses find it easier not to accept cash as it saves having to count the money. It is a secure way to put the cash and less time is needed taking cash to the bank.

Credit card

This method of payment involves a third party. When a customer pays with a credit card this money is borrowed from the credit card company. The customer then, over time, pays back the balance. Having a credit card enables customers to spend more money than they actually have and is a safe method of borrowing money. This is easy for businesses to use as it is easy to accept credit card payments once the technology has been set up, plus the business hopes that customers will spend more than they could/would have using other methods of payment.

Direct debit

A direct debit is an agreement made between a customer and a business for money to automatically transfer from the customer's bank account to the business's account. A direct debit is usually a monthly agreement for ongoing products and services such as a phone bill or paying for gym membership. Once set up this is ongoing and is a very easy way for businesses to collect payments from customers.

Payment technologies

Improved technology in recent years means that there are many quick and easy ways to pay businesses. It is very likely that you will probably be using these technologies in any of those described above. There are lots of different apps (such as bank apps, Google Pay or Apple Pay) which make paying businesses very easy and for the benefit of payments from customers.

Impact on customers and enterprises of using different payment methods

There are benefits and drawbacks to each type of payment method.

Activity 7

For each of the payment methods described above, list possible advantages and disadvantages for the customer and for the enterprise.

For example:

	Customer		Benefits
	Benefits	Drawbacks	
Cash			

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B3: Revenue and costs

Revenue/Turnover

This is the **money going into a business** and this is primarily through sales.

Businesses can try to increase this amount through advertising a product to attract more customers. They could also increase the selling price of a product which would mean that even if they sell a smaller number of products then the revenue would be greater. If a business increases its revenue it can use it to cover all of its costs and hopefully will make it more profit. When a business makes a profit it can choose to reinvest it into the business, maybe to help the business grow, or it could share the profit with the business owners very happy.

Start-up and running costs

This is the **money going out of a business**.

Start-up costs are the costs that a business has to pay out when it is first established. These could include a rent, a till, or pay for the renovation of a building. These generally are one-off costs.

Businesses can try to minimise these costs in a variety of ways, such as by hiring staff instead of buying them, or simply by shopping around to find cheaper suppliers.

Running costs are costs that need to be paid every month. These are the costs of running the business. Examples of these costs include staff wages, buying stock and electricity.

Businesses can try to minimise these costs too; this could be through staffing, for example, by having the minimum number of staff working at any one time or by hiring part-time staff. Likewise, they could look for cheaper suppliers of stock.

By minimizing business costs the business may be able to break-even with less sales. This would lead to a business profit. Which again they could use for reinvestment into the business or to pay the business owners.

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B4: Financial statements

Profit and loss account

Sales revenue		£35,000
Cost of sales (this is the cost of making the product – stock)		£15,000
Gross profit		£20,000
Expenses		
Wages	£4,500	
Utilities	£500	
Marketing costs	£1,000	
Rent	£650	
Insurance	£100	
Total	£6,000	
Net profit		£14,000

This account shows the profit and loss that a business has made in a year.

There are two types of profit shown in this account:

Gross profit – this is the profit made after the cost of making a product is taken away from sales.

For example, Andrea makes £35,000 in one year from selling birthday cakes. In this year she has used £15,000 worth of ingredients (cost of sales). In this year she would have made £20,000 gross profit.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Revenue} - \text{Cost of sales} &= \text{Gross profit} \\ £35,000 - £15,000 &= £20,000\end{aligned}$$

Net profit – this is the gross profit minus any other business expenses.

For example, Andrea will have other costs in addition to her ingredients, which have to be paid for. This could include things such as energy bills and wages. In this case Andrea paid £6,000 for these expenses. This resulted in a net profit of £14,000.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Gross profit} - \text{Expenses} &= \text{Net profit} \\ £20,000 - £6,000 &= £14,000\end{aligned}$$

Activity 8

Complete profit and loss accounts for the two businesses below:

Smart Screens	Bakery
Sales revenue – £54,000	Sales revenue – £142,000
Cost of stock – £22,000	Cost of stock – £36,800
Wages – £18,500	Wages – £43,400
Utility costs – £3,500	Utility costs – £27,700
Rent – £8,000	Mortgage – £15,300
Marketing – £1,500	Insurance – £9,200

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Balance sheet

A balance sheet shows exactly what a business owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities). It is a statement that clearly shows the business's financial position, listing all the business's assets and liabilities.

It is important that before you see the layout of a balance sheet you recognise all the terms used.

Fixed assets (non-current) – items that belong to a business for longer than a year. Examples include vehicles, machinery and property.



Current assets – these are assets that can be sold or converted into cash within a short period. There are three types of current assets – stock, cash and debtors. Debtors are customers who owe the business money.

Current liabilities – these are debts the business owes in the short term. They include debts owed to suppliers and short-term borrowing such as an overdraft.

Long-term liabilities (non-current) – these are debts the business owes in the long term (over a year). They are likely to include loans and a mortgage.

Working capital – also known as net current assets. This is calculated by taking current assets and subtracting current liabilities. This shows how able the business is to pay its short-term debts.

Equity – this shows the value of a business. It is calculated by minimising all of the business's liabilities from its assets.

Fixed assets		
Company van	£15,000	
Sewing machines	£2,000	
Computer	£500	
		£17,500
Current assets		
Cash	£800	
Stock	£700	
Debtors (accounts receivable)	£1,100	
		£1,600
Current liabilities		
Creditors (accounts payable)	£400	
		£400
Net current assets (Working capital)		£1,200
Long-term liabilities		
Bank loan	£2,500	
		£2,500
Net assets		£16,200

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Activity 9

- A. Below are the figures of Planet Play (a soft play centre) from the last two balance sheet for each of these years.

	2021	2020
Climbing frames and toys	£18,000	£21,500
Computer	£2,000	£3,800
Cash in the bank	£5,100	£4,300
Stock	£600	£750
Debtors	£0	£0
Creditors	£3,300	£2,300
Loan	£10,400	£7,400

- B. Compare and comment on the two years. The following questions will help you.
- In which year do you think the business have more equity?
 - How have the long term liabilities changed, and why may there be change?
 - Why may the business have no debtors?

Stakeholders

A stakeholder is any business, individual or group affected in any way by the actions of a business. Many of these stakeholders will be interested in the business accounts, as suggested below, in addition to having their own wants from a business.

All of the following are typical business stakeholders:

- **Owner(s)**
Owners will typically want their businesses to be profitable and have a good reputation or brand name. They will be able to see the profitability of the business in the profit and loss account.
- **Managers**
Managers may want many of the same things as an owner, such as profit. In addition, they will want a good salary and staff that work well. Managers are sometimes also owners but can be separate.
- **Employees**
Employees will generally want a good standard of pay, good working conditions and a good reputation. They will want to work for an employee that is doing well financially so they can get a good salary. They may also want to see these financial documents.
- **Lenders**
Lenders will want any business to be financially stable so that they can pay back their loans. They will want them to borrow more as they can earn interest on their borrowing. The lender will want to see the business is financially stable and has these documents.
- **Government**
There are many things that the government wants from a business. This could be to provide public services. The government collects taxes on business profits and needs to be accurate.
- **Customers**
Customers will want value for money, a good-quality product and choice. If a customer buys in bulk or on a regular basis they may want to see the financial documents to see the business is in a financially stable position.
- **Suppliers**
Suppliers will want businesses to purchase from them on a regular basis and want the business to be profitable so that they can pay their bills on time and in the future.

Quick class discussion

To help you understand who the stakeholders are, discuss who would be affected if the business were closed. Think of the individuals, etc.

- How would it affect other stakeholders?
- How would it affect the business?
- How would it affect the community?

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B5: Profitability and liquidity

In this section you'll learn the difference between cash and profit. A business may have cash. When we say 'cash' we don't mean piles of money in a piggy bank but we do mean access – such as the money in the bank current account. Cash is important to ensure good **liquidity**.

To help you understand this, think about this concept: let's assume water is cash.

If I have a jug of water and my suppliers are asking for payment, then I can quickly and easily pay them. However, if I have a block of ice and my suppliers want payment, it will take longer to make that payment.

The water is like the business's current assets – it can be easily turned into cash. The ice is like the fixed assets of the business – it cannot be easily or quickly turned into cash. If a business is tied up in fixed assets, such as property or machinery, then it is likely that the business will have poor liquidity.

Profitability ratios

Both these ratios are used to measure the profitability of a business. The figures are taken from a business's profit and loss account.

$$\text{Gross profit margin} = \frac{\text{Gross profit} \times 100}{\text{Revenue}}$$

$$\text{Net profit margin} = \frac{\text{Net profit} \times 100}{\text{Revenue}}$$

Worked example

In the last year, Rob made £24,000 revenue. Of this, £12,000 was gross profit and £6,000 was net profit.

$$\text{GPM} = \frac{£12,000}{£24,000} \times 100 = 50\%$$

$$\text{NPM} = \frac{£6,000}{£24,000} \times 100 = 25\%$$

Activity 10

These ratios could be used by a business to compare its financial success over time.

Use the figures below to compare Business A's profitability over the two years.

2021 figures	2022 figures
Revenue – £45,000	Revenue – £48,000
Gross profit – £18,000	Gross profit – £24,500
Net profit – £12,500	Net profit – £19,500

- Calculate both the gross and net profit margins.
- Comment on how these have changed over the two years and what this means for the business.

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Liquidity ratios

Current ratio	Liquidity ratio
$\frac{\text{Current assets}}{\text{Current liabilities}} = ? : 1$	$\frac{\text{Current assets}}{\text{Current liabilities}} = ? : 1$
<p>The answer to this ratio shows how many times a business could pay its debts.</p> <p>For example, if a business has a current ratio of 2 : 1 it means that for every £1 of debt there is £2 of liquid assets available to pay debts.</p> <p>The perfect answer would be 1.5 and 2 : 1. This would demonstrate that the business has enough liquidity to be financially secure. It also indicates that the business is using its financial resources effectively.</p>	<p>This ratio, also called the 'quick ratio'.</p> <p>It can be quicker to calculate as it does not count inventory, so shows how liquid the business is on stock.</p> <p>Some businesses may find this ratio more effective for them.</p>

Liquidity and profitability are equally important but are very different. A business may be very liquid but is not that profitable. It may be making just enough to cover its costs but have enough cash coming through the tills that the liquidity is good. A business may have good liquidity because money may be tied up in fixed assets, such as buildings, but is not very profitable.

Activity 11

Jack's is a bakery business supplying other local businesses. It has bids from two other businesses to become their regular suppliers. Jack's will only be able to commit to become a regular supplier to one business, so provided below are the financial figures of the two businesses for you to comment on. Using the figures below, complete the profitability and liquidity ratios and suggest which of the businesses is most financially stable and, therefore, the best regular customer.

Business A	Business B
Revenue – £65,200	Revenue – £89,400
Gross profit – £36,300	Gross profit – £41,400
Net profit – £22,100	Net profit – £25,000
Current assets – £4,500	Current assets – £9,100
Current liabilities – £2,200	Current liabilities – £3,200
Inventory – £2,800	Inventory – £3,800

As a class you can now debate your answers to find out which option everyone would choose.

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Practice questions – Financial documents and statements

Irene and Richard own Printz, a small factory making personalised gifts and products online and so all orders are sent out to customers.

1.
 - a) Explain **two** advantages to an enterprise of completing financial documents accurately.
 - b) Explain **one** negative impact to an enterprise of not completing financial documents accurately.
2.
 - a) Explain **one** advantage to suppliers of understanding an enterprise's financial document.
 - b) Explain **one** advantage to lenders of understanding an enterprise's financial document.
 - c) Explain **one** advantage to employees of understanding an enterprise's financial document.
3. The table below shows Printz's financial figures from the last two years.

	2021 £(000)	2022 £(000)
Revenue	£57	£80
Gross profit	£32	£45
Net profit	£9	£15

- a) Calculate the gross and net profit margins of the enterprise.
- b) Explain **one** positive impact on Printz's of these figures.

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Learning Outcome C: Financial planning

C1: Budgeting

You will probably have come across the term 'budget' before. A budget is an amount of money that a business can spend or receive from sales. These are called **expenditure and revenue budgets**.

Budgets can be set for many things, the most common being:

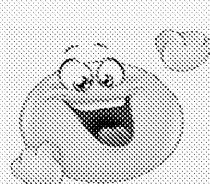
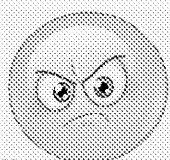
- **Capital expenditure budget** – this is to help a business decide how much to spend on new machinery or property.
- **Cash budget** – this is a budget that estimates the inflow and outflows of cash in the next section, cash flow.
- **Labour budget** – this is a budget to help control the number of staff in the business and how much they are paid.
- **Marketing and promotion budget** – this helps the business control how much to spend on advertising campaigns and marketing activities such as market research or sales promotion.
- **Overhead budget** – overheads are the running costs of a business; they will include things like rent and telephone bills.
- **Production budget** – this is the cost of making a product; it could include the cost of materials and manufacturing overheads. Within this budget there may be a **purchases or materials budget** to help control the cost of the stock.
- **Revenue or sales budget** – this differs from the budgets above. All of those are estimates of how much money going out of the business, whereas this budget is an estimate of how much money coming into the business from sales.

Budgeting and budgetary control

Budgeting is the process of setting a budget, and then budgetary control is the process of comparing actual spending and incomes to those that were set in the budget. During this process a business may find it has overspent or underspent in some areas. If this is the case then it can look at why this has happened and prepare more accurate budgets in the future.

Variances

An **adverse** variance is **not good**. If any **outgoings** are **more** than what was budgeted then this is adverse. Imagine going shopping and you want to spend £30 and you spend £35 – this is adverse. Likewise, if you thought you would receive £20 but instead received £18, this is adverse as you have received £2 less than expected.



A **favourable** variance is **good**. If any **incomes** are **more** than what was budgeted then this is favourable. Like going shopping and you want to spend £30 and you spend £25 – this is favourable as you have spent £5 less than expected.

For example, if a business budgeted that it will receive £100 but it actually received £130. This is a £30 favourable variance.

If a business has too many adverse budgets then this could leave it with poor liquidity. Therefore, budgetary control is very important. Below is an example of a budget being compared to actuals.

	Budgeted	Actual
Sales/Revenue	£49,500	£53,500
Expenses		
Labour	£24,000	£25,200
Marketing	£3,200	£3,200
Production	£6,300	£5,500
Capital expenditure	£2,500	£2,550
Net cash flow	£13,500	£17,050

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Activity 12

The budgeted and actual figures for Brighter Windows Ltd are shown below.

- Work out the variances for each of these budgets.
- Comment on possible reasons for each of the variances.

	Budgeted	Actual
Sales/Revenue	£111,000	£134,500
Expenses		
Labour	£35,200	£37,300
Marketing	£5,200	£4,900
Production	£34,400	£37,200
Constant Capital Expenditure	£12,500	£11,400
Cash flow		

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C2: Cash flow

Cash flow forecast

Like a budget, a cash flow forecast is a prediction of the business's inflows (receipts) and outflows (payments/expenses/costs).

Creating a cash flow forecast will allow a business to calculate its net cash flows and maintain a healthy cash balance. It will also help identify any surpluses (additional cash) and deficits (cash shortfalls) to plan better.

The purposes of cash flow forecasts are:

- ✓ to identify how much money is coming in to and going out of a business over a period
- ✓ to determine the impact of timings of sales and costs
- ✓ to prepare for issues with negative cash flow or poor liquidity

As with budgets, there are predictions and actual cash flows. An actual cash flow statement shows the actual cash flow statements can be compared with the forecasts to see how well the business is performing. Let's understand the format of a cash flow forecast/statement, in the following sections here.

Section A

This section shows all the income of the business. (Money coming into the business from sales, loans, grants, etc.)

Income	May	June	July
Ticket sales	£2,000	£2,500	£2,600
Merchandise	£500	£450	£550
Refreshments	£300	£350	£350
Other	£0	£0	£0
Total income	£2,800	£3,300	£3,500

Section B

This section shows all the expenses of the business (money going out of the business on rent, wages, etc.)

Expenses	May	June	July
Rent	£1000	£1000	£1000
Stock	£400	£350	£350
Wages	£1000	£1000	£1200
Insurance	£150	£150	£150
Advertising	£150	£100	£100
Other	£0	£0	£50
Total expenses	£2700	£2600	£2850

Section C

This section shows the net cash flow of the business (the income for that month minus the expenses) and the opening and closing bank balances.

→ Total income – Total expenses

Net cash flow	£100	£700	£650
Opening bank balance	£400	£500	£1200
Closing bank balance	£500	£1,200	£1,850

Net cash flow + Opening bank balance

This number moves across from previous month's closing bank balance

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Activity 13

Below is the cash flow statement from Brick Toys' last six months of trading.

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Income				
Sales	14,500	16,800		
Total income	14,500		24,400	
Expenses				
Wages	4,200	4,200		5,900
Rent	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
Utilities	700	1,600	1,600	1,600
Insurance	800	800		800
Stock	2,400	3,100	14,500	14,500
Total expenses	11,300		24,600	25,100
Net cash flow	3,200	4,800	(200)	7,100
Opening balance	7,400	10,600		15,200
Closing balance	10,600	15,400	15,200	22,300

- Fill in the empty cells in the cash flow statement.
- In which month was income the highest, and what could be the reason(s)?

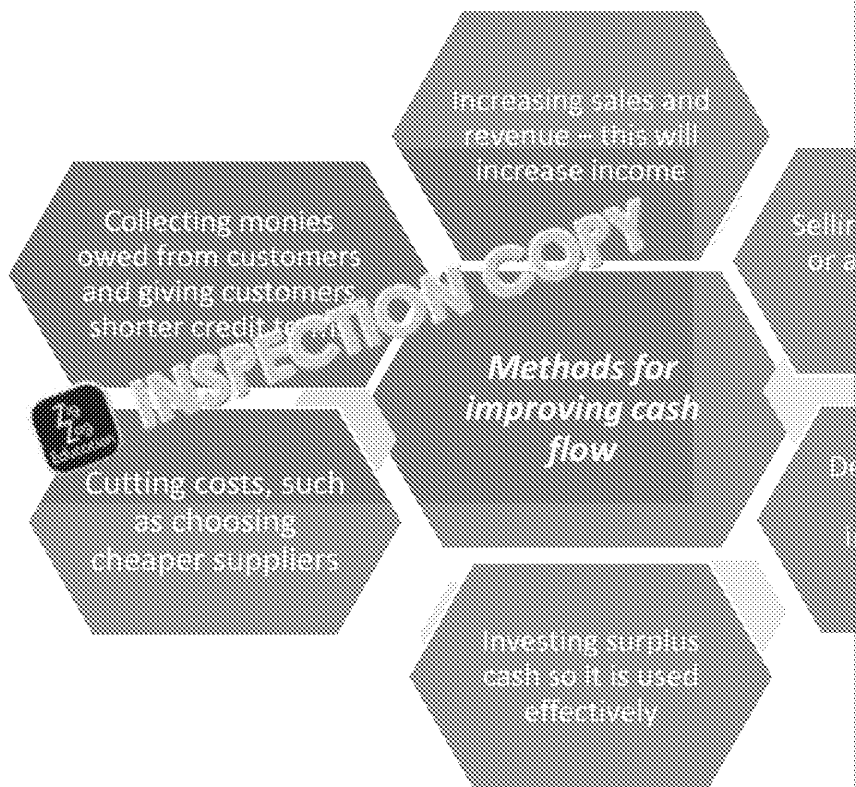
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C3: Suggesting improvements to cash flow problems

Cash flow is very important to a business. If we recap on the liquidity ratios, these show whether a business has enough 'cash' to pay its debtors. If a business has a cash deficit then it is in trouble. Likewise, cash surpluses in some months and not in others is not good for the business.



Activity 14

Although there are methods to overcome cash flow problems, some of these methods have their own problems and may have an effect on business stakeholders.

For each of the suggestions below, think about what stakeholders may be affected and how this could be overcome. For example, *Cutting costs could mean cutting staff wages. Staff would be unhappy about this as a result. This could be overcome by not taking on new staff when people leave and allowing them to stay on the same wage.*

- A. Reducing customers' credit period
- B. Increasing revenue
- C. Choosing a cheaper supplier

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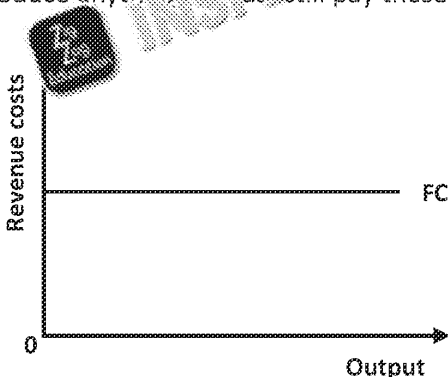
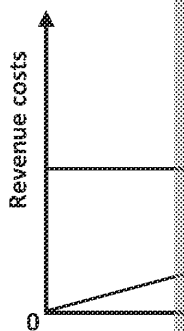


C4: Break-even point and break-even analysis

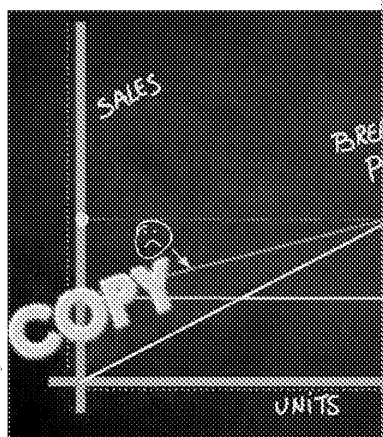
Break-even is the point where total revenue and total costs are equal.

At the break-even point the business has made neither a profit nor a loss. The purpose is to allow the business to calculate all costs and work out how many units need to be sold to cover all costs, i.e. to break even.

The break-even graph categorises costs into fixed costs and variable costs:

Fixed costs	Variable costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These costs stay the same at all times and do not depend on the output of the business. Examples include business insurance and rent. Even if a business makes a sale or does not produce anything, it must still pay these costs.  <p>On the break-even chart the fixed cost line is always a straight line as it does not change depending on output.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This cost changes with the output of the business. Examples include an ice cream van where the cost of the stock it has depends on how many cones are sold.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This line increases with the cost of making one unit. For example, if the cost of making one unit is £10, and so on.

This is how all break-even charts will look, and the key point is where revenue and total costs cross over. This is the break-even point. Before this point you can calculate how much loss is being made, and after this point you can calculate how much profit is being made or what the margin of safety is. The margin of safety is the number above the break-even point. So, for example, if a business needs to sell 23 items to break even and it sells 26 then it has a margin of safety of 3 items.



Calculating the break-even point the graph is easier if we first put the figures into a table such as the following:

Units	Revenue	Fixed costs	Variable costs
U	The revenue of each unit to be multiplied here	This figure will remain the same throughout as fixed costs do not change	The cost of making each unit to be multiplied by the number of units
	$= R \times U$		$= VC \times U$

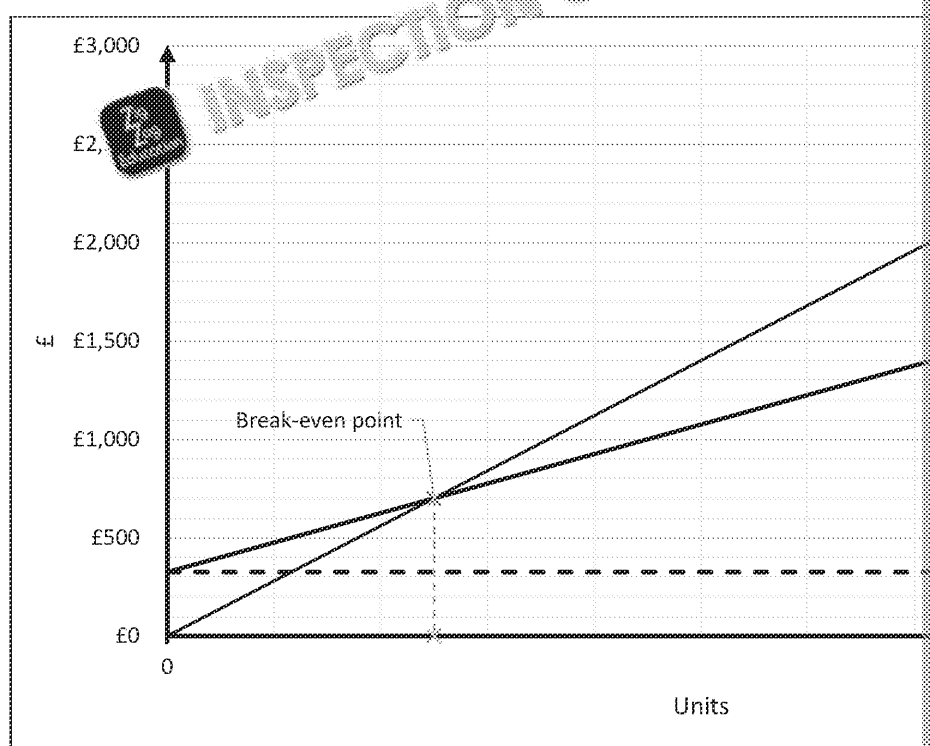
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Example

Sharon makes shampoo bars and sells these to a local cosmetics shop. She sells them for £4 each and it costs her £2 to make them (variable costs). Her fixed costs each week are £250. To create a break-even chart we will put them into a table which will make plotting the graph.

Units	Revenue	Fixed costs	Variable costs
1	£4	£250	£2
50	£200	£250	£100
100	£400	£250	£200
150	£600	£250	£300
200	£800	£250	£400



In addition to using this graph there is a calculation that will give you the break-even point.

$$\text{Break-even point} = \frac{\text{Fixed cost}}{\text{Contribution per unit} \text{ (Selling price - Variable cost)}}$$

Strengths and limitations of using break-even analysis

Strengths	Limitations
✓ Can be used to help with budgeting and pricing	✗ The lines are always straight; they don't always remain the same; they can change
✓ Can be used to set sales targets as it shows at what point the business starts to make a profit	✗ These can take time to calculate
✓ It is visual and, therefore, easy to read and understand	✗ If a business has many different products it is difficult to allocate costs

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Activity 15

- A. Dawn has just started up a small business, Nuts about Birds, making bird boxes. She is creating these in her garage and so has small fixed costs. Her fixed costs are £325 per month. She has worked out that each bird box costs £15 to make, which are her variable costs. She is considering selling the bird boxes at £28 each. Using this information, complete a break-even chart so that Dawn can see how many bird boxes a month she needs to sell to break even.
- B. After a successful couple of months and lots of demand for the bird boxes, Dawn has decided to hire a unit so that she can produce more bird boxes. This has increased her fixed costs to £468 per month. Based on this change, what is Dawn's new break-even point?
- C. Suggest two actions that Dawn could take in response to this change. Evaluate the actions.



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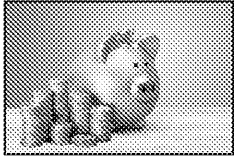

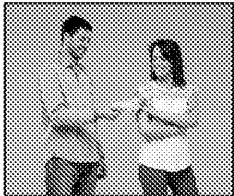

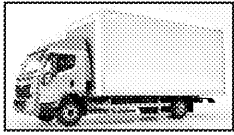
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C5: Sources of business finance

Enterprises need sources of finance for various reasons. For example, a business may need to start up or if the business is growing. The source of finance used will depend on the type of business. The source of finance will also depend on the ownership type of the business and the size of the business.


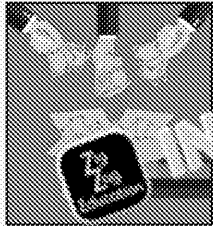

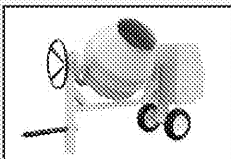
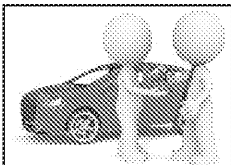

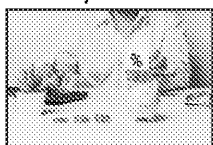
Internal sources of finance

	Positives	
Personal savings 	<p>A small business owner such as a sole trader could use their personal savings to add capital to their business.</p> <p>✓ Nothing has to be paid back; there are no additional costs</p>	<p>✗ Once the savings are used, the business owner has less money available for other purposes.</p>
Credit cards 	<p>A credit card allows a business to purchase items on credit over a period of time. This card would be used like a debit card but the money is repaid to the credit card company.</p> <p>✓ It is relatively easy for a business to set up a credit card account</p>	<p>✗ This is an external source of finance.</p>
Borrowing from family and friends 	<p>Borrowing from family and friends can be quite a useful source of finance. This source will depend on the amount borrowed and the agreement made.</p> <p>✓ There may be no interest or charges attached to borrowing</p>	<p>✗ This is an external source of finance. The business owner may feel uncomfortable borrowing from family and friends.</p>
Retained profit 	<p>Retained profits are the profits kept in a business rather than being shared out between owners and shareholders.</p> <p>✓ As this is the business's own money, it does not owe anything to anyone else</p>	<p>✗ It may not be enough to fund a large project.</p>
Selling assets 	<p>A business is able to sell an asset such as a vehicle to raise more capital.</p> <p>✓ Like many of the other internal sources, the main benefit of this method is that the business owes no one else.</p>	<p>✗ Selling assets may mean the business has to replace them.</p>

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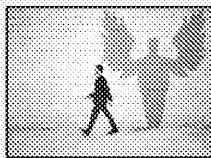

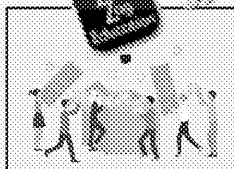


External sources of finance

	Positives	
Long term		
Mortgage 	<p>A mortgage is a large loan used to purchase a property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A very large amount of money can be borrowed and paid back in smaller instalments over a long period of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ A large amount of interest is added to the borrowed money
Share capital 	<p>Limited companies are able to use this source of finance to invest further in the business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is a relatively easy way to raise finance for a business that is ltd. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ The business must add to its profits before it can receive dividends
Taking on new business partners 	<p>A business partnership could do this to gain extra capital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The business may also benefit from the new skills or experience of the business partner too 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ New partners may have different views on the business
Medium term		
Hire purchase 	<p>Hire purchase is common in the car industry and involves paying a monthly fee and then at the end of the hire agreement purchasing the item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Payments are spread over a long period of time, allowing the business to have the asset while still paying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ The business must pay interest on the loan
Leasing 	<p>Leasing is used to acquire an asset. A monthly fee is paid and the business owns that product. Leasing is also popular in the IT industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If a business decides it no longer wants the asset or it wants a different version, then it is simple to change as it never owned the asset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Over time the cost of the product increases
Loans 	<p>A bank loan is the most common form of lending. Banks lend money to businesses and the businesses pay this back on a monthly basis. The loan can be for a few years or even longer – it will depend on the agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A large amount of capital can quickly be gained with manageable repayments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Interest is added to the loan
Peer-to-peer lending 	<p>This happens when one business loans money to another business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Similar to a bank loan, the business can access a large amount of money quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Like a bank loan, interest is added to the loan

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	Positives	
Business angel investments 	<p>Business angels are professional business people who usually fund new enterprises.</p> <p>✓ The lender can also benefit from the experience and business knowledge of the business angel</p>	<p>✗ The lender can lose their own money</p>
Short term		
Bank overdraft 	<p>A bank overdraft is a quick way for a business to borrow money. An overdraft facility is added to a current account to allow a business to borrow more money than they currently have in their account.</p> <p>✓ It is quick and easy to set up</p>	<p>✗ Banks can charge high interest rates</p>
Crowdfunding 	<p>Crowdfunding is sometimes used by social enterprises to raise money from the public to contribute money into a business or project that is worthwhile.</p> <p>✓ Ideas that may not get funding from conventional sources will probably get funding through this method</p>	<p>✗ This method may take a long time to set up</p>
Trade credit 	<p>Trade credit is when a supplier allows a business to borrow money off their accounts.</p> <p>✓ It is usually very easily set up and improves relationships between suppliers and customers</p>	<p>✗ This method may not be available to all businesses</p>
Government and charitable grants 	<p>These grants are usually given to a business for a specific purpose. For example, providing employment in an area of high unemployment or providing a service not offered in that area.</p> <p>✓ These do not have to be paid back to the government or charity</p>	<p>✗ The business must meet the criteria for the grant</p>

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Activity 16

- A. For each of the scenarios below, suggest which sources/s of finance will be most suitable. Make sure you justify your recommendation as you will need to discuss this in class.

Jack & John Ltd is a clothes manufacturing business. The business is five years old and because of demand it needs to expand. The owners need funding to buy a new, larger factory, and they also need further funding for equipping the new factory.

Sweet Treats is owned by a couple who set up the business five years ago. Due to its success they need to renovate their house, and the kitchen from which they prepare some very large orders. They need funding for this so they will also need to finance the extra stock they will need.

Philippe's Mobile Pantry sells local produce from a converted van. Paul runs a different route every day of the week and then sells at food markets on the weekend. Paul needs help financing a new, larger van with refrigeration.

Days Out is a social enterprise for families who need support. They need funding to take on more staff to reduce their workload.

- B. As a class, discuss your recommendations.
C. Review your answers. Would you change your recommendations? Explain why.

Practice questions – Financial planning and forecasting

1. Go Fish is a small pet shop that trades from a local industrial estate. Deepali has run the business five years ago. Over the last year the demand for local delivery of pet supplies has increased, and so Deepali has decided to purchase a van. This costs £25,000, which is a portion of retained profits that she could use, but she needs to source the remainder.

Discuss **two** possible sources of finance that would be suitable for this.

2. These are the budgets from Go Fish. This shows what Deepali budgeted for each year and the actual incomes and expenses. Calculate the variances for each item.

	Budgeted	Actual
Sales/Revenue	£145,000	£169,500
Expenses		
Labour	£41,000	£44,500
Marketing	£6,000	£6,000
Supplies	£42,500	£48,800
Utilities	£21,500	£23,500
New van		

3. Discuss the possible reasons for the variances from the table above.

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Glossary

Behavioural	The way in which customers can be differentiated according to their attitudes and trends.
Branding	A brand is the identity of the business. This can be a name, its logo, its slogan or even a simple icon.
Business-to-business market (B2B)	This is the market where one business sells to other businesses.
Business-to-consumer market (B2C)	This is the market where businesses sell directly to consumers.
Consumer	A consumer is the person who uses the product or service. It is not necessarily the person who buys the product. For example, a parent buys for their children and consumers.
Cost-plus	A pricing strategy where the price of making the product plus a percentage is added on top to calculate the selling price.
Customer	A customer is someone who buys the product.
Demographics	The characteristics of the population, such as income, age and gender.
Disposable income	The amount of money available to someone to spend on their essentials, such as rent and food. This money can be used to buy products that are wants rather than needs.
Market growth	This is the rate at which the market is growing in size.
Market share	This is the share of the total market that a company has, expressed as a percentage.
Mass market	A mass market includes everyone, such as the market for fast food.
Niche market	The target market for a niche market is usually very specific.
Penetration	A pricing strategy whereby products are priced very low to attract customers.
Product life cycle	The product life cycle plots the sales of a product over time. It shows when sales are increasing and decreasing.
Product portfolio	This is the mix of products a business has.
Psychographic	A type of customer profile according to someone's traits and attitudes.
Segmentation	The way in which customers can be differentiated, e.g. by age, gender or income.
Skimming	A pricing strategy whereby prices are set very high to attract customers who are willing to pay a premium.
Socio-economic group	This is based on an individual's position in society. The individual's occupation, income, activity and occupation are all factors.
Target market	The market that an enterprise aims to sell its products or services to.
Unique selling point	Something that makes your product or service stand out from the competition.

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Answers

Activity 3

- Penetration** A new biscuit – low price to get customers to buy it and try it with the hope of making a profit
- Skimming** A new phone that has lots of features / is technologically advanced – people will pay a premium for something completely unique
- Competitive** Coffee stalls in a market all charging the same price as one another
- Cost-plus** A sweet shop could use this – they could add a certain percentage on to the cost of the sweets to ensure they make profits and cover their costs
- Premium** A sports brand could use this so that people end up paying more for that brand because of the better quality than others

Activity 7

	Advantages	Drawbacks	Benefits
Cash	Accepted in most places	Can be easily lost or stolen	Immediate access to the money/funds
Credit card	Can spend more money than they actually have by borrowing from the credit card	Usually have to pay interest on what is owed	Customers can spend more money than they actually have, thus increasing sales/revenue
Debit card	If lost or stolen, customers can contact the bank and stop this card	Customers can only spend what is in their current account	There is less cash held on business premises and, therefore, less risk of theft. Also, less need for security personnel to take cash to the bank
Direct debit	The customer cannot forget to pay as the payment is already set up	Customers can forget they've set this up and be paying for something they no longer use (e.g. gym membership)	No chasing up customers as payments are automatic
Payment technologies	Most new payment technologies make it quicker and more convenient for payment to be made, such as contactless	Customers may need apps for this to work	Could be completed quickly and easily as it is automatic

Activity 8

Smart Screens

Sales revenue		£54,000
Cost of sales		£22,000
Gross profit		£32,000
Expenses		
Wages	£18,500	
Utilities	£3,500	
Marketing costs	£1,500	
Rent	£8,000	
Total	£31,500	
Net profit		£500

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