


Nature of Business Activity	Producing Goods & Services	Business Enterprise	Business Planning																								
<p>Business: An organisation that legally trades goods and services</p> <p>Good: An item that is for sale. E.g. A Television, Drink, Car</p> <p>Service: Something a business does for you. E.g. Haircut, Car wash, Plumbing</p>	<p>Sectors of Industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Sector: Acquiring raw materials e.g. Coal, Wood, Oil• Secondary Sector: Production of Goods and Services e.g. Manufacturing• Tertiary Sector: Provision of services e.g. Health Care, Insurance, Teaching <p>The three sectors are dependent upon one another in order to produce and sell products.</p> <p>Factors of Production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LAND – The natural resources that a business use• LABOUR – The people a business will use to farm / produce / sell• CAPITAL – The money invested and the manmade tools a business needs to be able to operate• ENTERPRISE – The person who brings all of the ideas together, the entrepreneur. <p>Goods and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumer: The person who uses the finished product• Customer: The person who buys the finished product• Producer: The business who produces the product• Personal Service: Service provided to the <u>Consumer</u>• Commercial Service: Service provided to the <u>a Business</u> who will use it to produce a good / service• Producer Good: Product sold to <u>a Business</u> who will use it to produce a good / service• Consumer Good: Product sold to the <u>Consumer</u>• Durable Good: Products that can be used more than once, with a lifespan of over three years• Non - Durable Good (consumable): Products that are used a few times before being discarded within three years <p>Public & Private Sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Sector: Business owned and controlled by the government.• Private Sector: Businesses owned and controlled by private individuals.	<p>Enterprise Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Taker• Initiative• Decision Making• Organisational skills• Creative• Hardworking• Determination <p>Entrepreneur Rewards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Profit• Turn hobby into business• Control• Help the community• Make a positive difference <p>Risks of being an entrepreneur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost• Competition• Economy• Lack of Skills	<p>New businesses need to put together a plan for their business idea.</p> <p>Business plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help in decision making by showing the aims and objectives of a business and the strategies and requirements needed to achieve these.• It also provides information to banks and other possible providers of finance to persuade these to grant loans and other monies to the business. <p>They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Description – What is your business idea – summarise!• Products and Services – What will the business sell? Give details of what makes you stand out from existing businesses.• The Market – Who are the customers? Who are the competitors? How will you target them? What scale will your business work on? Give reasons for each of your choices.• Market Research – What research will you need to carry out? What information do you need to know?• Marketing – How will you get people to buy the products / services you are offering?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Price○ Product○ Promotion○ Location – online or shop?• Operational Strategy – What will you need in order for your business to run?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Technology?○ Equipment?○ Buildings?○ Vehicles?• Human Resources – Who will work at your business? What skills will they need to have? How will you get the workforce to be motivated?• Financial strategy – What costs do you need to take into account? What will you need to buy in order for the business to run?																								
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<p>Business objectives must be SMART.</p> <p>Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Timed</p> <p>Example - Decrease the time to resolve customer issues from 2 hours to 1.5 hours by July 2018.</p> <p>Business Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survival• Profit Maximisation• Customer Satisfaction• Growth• Ethical & Environmental• Increase Market Share <p>Stakeholders are groups that have an interest in the success of a business. They affect and can be affected by business activity.</p> 	<p>Unlimited Liability: This is the case for Sole Traders and Partnerships – the owner is responsible for the debts of the business</p> <p>Share: This is a part of the business owned to the shareholder (i.e. 25% share in the business)</p> <p>Debt: Money that a business owes to someone else</p> <p>Limited Liability: This is the case for Public Limited and Private Limited Companies – the shareholder (owner) can only lose what they invest into the business</p> <p>Liability: Another word for responsibility for the debts of a business</p> <p>Shareholder: Someone who owns a share in a Limited Liability business</p> <p>Deed of Partnership: The document that sets out the details of a partnership. 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They happen when the cost per unit falls as output increases.</p> <p>Types of Economies of Scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchasing: Bulk Buying raw materials can lower the unit cost.• Marketing: As there are more products being sold, the Marketing cost is spread across more products.• Technical: Increased size means more can be invested in machines to produce more and cut the unit cost.• Financial: Banks are more likely to lend larger sums of money to bigger businesses, at better interest rates.• Managerial: Bigger businesses are more likely to be able to attract better managers, who can lead the business better and create more growth, through better decisions and expertise. <p>Reasons why businesses grow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase profits• Improve market share <p>Franchisor: the owner of the main business</p> <p>Franchisee: the individual who sets up a business, in the name of the franchisor i.e. McDonalds</p> <p>Franchise: A business model that allows businesses to use the name, products and branding of a franchisor, in return for royalty payments</p> <table><tr><th>Benefits</th><th>Drawbacks</th></tr><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">Help with training (franchisee)Royalties – received (franchisor)</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">Control (franchisor)Decisions (franchisee)</td></tr></table> <p>Internal Growth (Organic): takes place when a business expands its own operations. 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