

1. **allocative efficiency** the economy's ability to allocate resources to satisfy consumer wants
2. **ceiling price** a limit on the price charged for a good or service
3. **ceteris paribus** an assumption used in economics to isolate the relationship between two economic variables; meaning 'other things being equal'
4. **contraction of demand** when an increase in the price of a good or service causes a decrease in quantity demanded
5. **contraction of supply** when a decrease in the price of a good or service causes a decrease in quantity supplied
6. **equilibrium** when any consumer who is willing to pay the market price for a good or service is satisfied, and any producer who offers their goods or services at the market price is able to sell their produce; when the quantity demanded equals
7. **expansion of demand** when a decrease in the price of a good or service causes an increase in quantity demanded
8. **expansion of supply** when an increase in the price of a good or service causes an increase in quantity supplied
9. **externality** an effect associated with the production or consumption of a good or service which results in a benefit or cost on other producers or consumers
10. **factor market** a market for any input into the production process, including land, labour, capital and enterprise
11. **floor price** a minimum price that can be paid for a good or service
12. **income distribution** the way in which an economy's income is spread among the members of different social and socio-economic groups
13. **inventory** the total stock of goods and services held by a firm at a particular point in time, which is intended for sale to consumers
14. **law of demand** a law that states that as prices rise, consumers will be willing to purchase smaller quantities of a commodity
15. **law of supply** a law that states that as prices rise, suppliers will be willing to supply larger quantities of a commodity
16. **market equilibrium** the intersection of the demand and supply curves