

Market Choices

See how buyers, sellers, supply, and demand shape prices.

SS.5.E.1 "Market Economy"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that show a producer or consumer making a choice. Circle words that explain a change in supply or demand, and number the two price changes 1 and 2. This will help you see how choices and supply and demand affect prices in a market economy.

Saturday at Riverside Market

- ① On Saturday, Maya visited the Riverside Market with her father. Several local growers sold strawberries, tomatoes, and honey. Each grower owned the goods at that stand and chose what to offer. Shoppers decided which items to buy. A shopper could compare the berries, prices, and service at different stands before spending money. This choice gave shoppers power in the market.
- ② Early that morning, only a few boxes of strawberries were available because heavy rain had damaged some plants. Many shoppers still wanted strawberries. Since the supply was small and demand was high, growers charged more per box than they had charged the week before. Some shoppers bought them anyway, while others chose peaches, which were plentiful and less expensive.
- ③ Later, another grower arrived with several boxes of strawberries. With more strawberries available, the first growers lowered their prices to attract buyers. No one had to buy or sell. Each exchange happened only when a shopper thought the berries were worth the price and a grower agreed. These choices helped decide what was sold and what it cost.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What did the growers decide at their stands, and what did shoppers decide?

2 Why did the growers charge more for strawberries early in the morning?

3 Why were peaches less expensive than strawberries?

4 Why did the first growers lower their strawberry prices after another grower arrived?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Invent a market for one good. Write four sentences that identify a producer and consumer, tell a change in supply or demand, and explain how the price or buyers' choices would likely change.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

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PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did the growers decide at their stands, and what did shoppers decide?	Growers decided what goods to offer. Shoppers decided which items to buy.
2	Why did the growers charge more for strawberries early in the morning?	Heavy rain left only a small supply of strawberries, but many shoppers wanted them, so demand was high.
3	Why were peaches less expensive than strawberries?	Peaches were plentiful, so their supply was larger.
4	Why did the first growers lower their strawberry prices after another grower arrived?	More strawberries were available, and the growers lowered prices to attract buyers.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A local bakery sells muffins, and families are the consumers. A festival brings many more families who want muffins. Demand rises while the bakery has the same number of muffins. The bakery may raise the muffin price, and some families may choose another snack.

Accept equivalent explanations that correctly identify sellers as producers and buyers as consumers. For the open response, accept reasonable predictions that connect a supply or demand change to prices or buying choices.