

Market Connections

See how people and businesses need one another.

SS3E3.a "Describe the interdependence of consumers and producers."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each producer and circle each consumer, then number the sentences that show how producers and consumers need each other.

Saturday at Maple Street Market

- ① On Saturday, Maya visits Maple Street Market with her father. The bakery makes warm bread, the fruit stand sells apples grown by local farmers, and the bicycle shop repairs flat tires. These businesses are producers because they provide goods or services. Maya's father buys bread, apples, and a tire repair. He is a consumer because he uses or buys what producers provide.
- ② The market businesses depend on consumers such as Maya's father. When customers buy bread, apples, and repairs, the businesses receive money. They can use that money to pay workers, buy supplies, and keep producing. Consumers depend on the businesses too. Without the bakery, fruit stand, and bicycle shop, shoppers would have fewer places to get food or fix bicycles.
- ③ One rainy week, fewer people come to the market. The bakery has less money to buy flour, and the bicycle shop has less money for repair parts. If this continues, both producers may make or offer less. Then consumers may not find the bread or repairs they need. When consumers and producers need each other in this way, they are interdependent.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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Name two producers at Maple Street Market. Tell what each one provides.

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Why is Maya's father a consumer?

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How does buying goods or services help the market businesses keep producing?

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Explain one way producers depend on consumers and one way consumers depend on producers.

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of two producers not named in the passage. In each row, name a consumer and explain how the producer and consumer depend on each other.

PRODUCER	CONSUMER	HOW THEY DEPEND ON EACH OTHER

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each producer and circle each consumer, then number the sentences that show how producers and consumers need each other. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two producers at Maple Street Market. Tell what each one provides.	Answers may include: bakery, warm bread; fruit stand, apples; bicycle shop, tire repairs.
2	Why is Maya's father a consumer?	He buys and uses bread, apples, and a tire repair.
3	How does buying goods or services help the market businesses keep producing?	Customers give the businesses money. The businesses can use it to pay workers, buy supplies, and keep producing.
4	Explain one way producers depend on consumers and one way consumers depend on producers.	Producers need consumers to buy goods or services so the producers receive money. Consumers need producers to provide goods and services, such as food and repairs.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

PRODUCER	CONSUMER	HOW THEY DEPEND ON EACH OTHER
Tailor	Customer with a torn coat	The tailor fixes the coat and needs the customer to pay for the service.
Carpenter	Family that needs shelves	The carpenter builds shelves and needs the family to buy them.

Accept any accurate producer, consumer, and explanation of mutual dependence. Producers may provide goods, services, or both.