# UTILITY AND PRICES

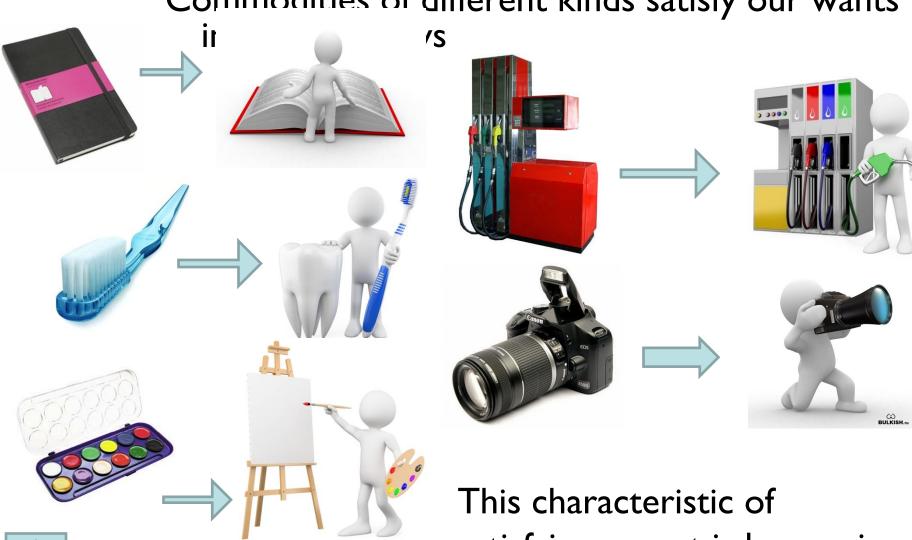
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### UTILITY

#### Commodities of different kinds satisfy our wants



satisfying a want is known in economics as "utility"

### UTILITY AND USEFULNESS

## Utility should not be confused with



Utility determines "the relationship between a consumer and a commodity"



# THE UTILITY IS RELATED:

#### Different people and nations



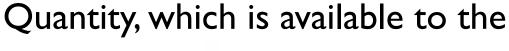




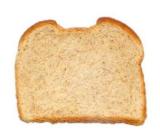




Time



consumer



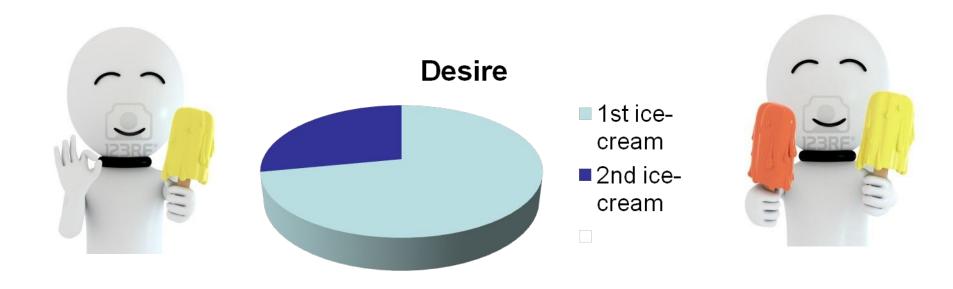








#### LOW OF DIMINISHING MARGINAL UTILITY



The consumer's desire for a commodity tends to diminish as he buys more units for it

# SHORTAGE. SURPLUS









Shortage will develop Low price



High price Surplus will

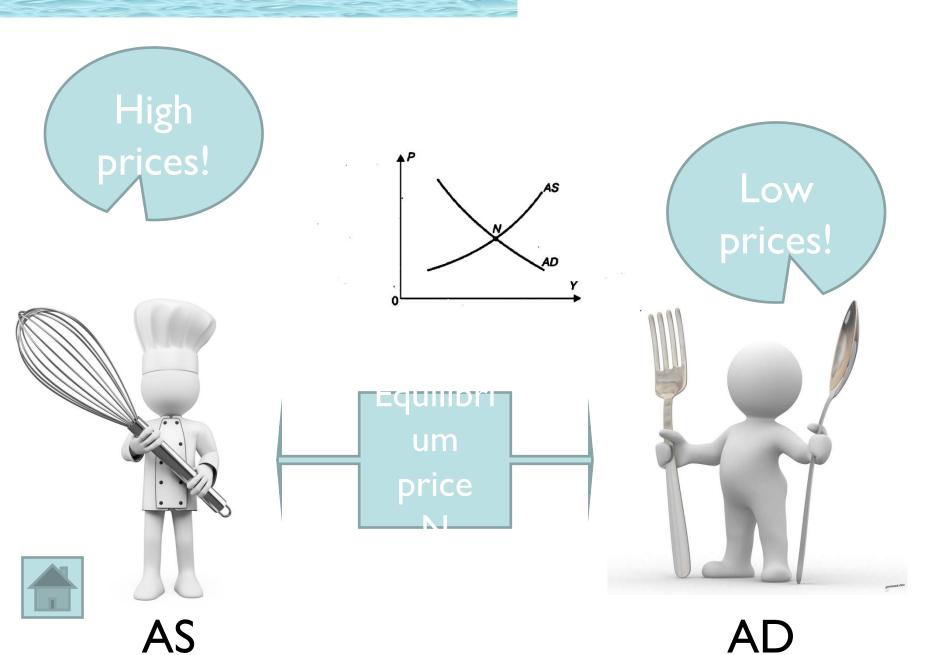








## EQUILIBRIUM PRICE



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