# **Problem-Solving Case Study:**

### ✓ Identifying Factors Causing Fluctuations in Inventory Levels

- Seasonal Demand: Adjust inventory for anticipated seasonal changes.
- Market Trends: Monitor industry trends to predict demand shifts.

(Quarter 2 – Black Friday)

• Supplier Reliability: Track supplier performance to anticipate delays.

(Helping in Customer Satisfaction)

## ✓ Data-Driven Strategies for Optimizing Restocking Processes

• Demand Forecasting: Use historical sales data to predict future needs.

(Heavy demand in (Quarter 2 – Black Friday)

- Automated Reordering: Implement systems for auto-triggered restocking based on set thresholds.
- Vendor-Managed Inventory: Collaborate with suppliers for direct restocking based on real-time data.

(to avoid delays)

## ✓ Methods to Reduce Aging and Overstocked Products

- Discounting: Implement strategic discounting to move aging stock.
- Product Bundling: Combine slow-moving items with popular ones.
- Inventory Audits: Regularly review stock to identify overstocked items.
- Reverse Logistics: Establish a process for returns and unsold goods.

(Lookup at Sold items for Each Product & Category)

## ✓ Analyzing the Impact on Sales and Customer Satisfaction

- Sales Metrics: Track changes in sales volume post-implementation.
- Customer Feedback: Gather customer opinions on product availability and variety.
- ✓ Implementing these strategies should lead to a more efficient inventory system, improved sales, and enhanced customer satisfaction.

# **Data Analysis Exercise:**

- Ecommerce makes more money not by selling a few products a lot, but by selling a lot of different products.
- Overall revenue had a consistent rise throughout the years but peaked in 2018(especially during second quarter, week 18)
- Also peaked in 2017(especially during the Black Friday period, last 2 weeks in November)

#### ✓ Based on the number of orders made

 Bed Bath Table is the most popular product category based on the number of orders made.

#### **TOP 5**

- 1. bed bath
- 2. health beauty
- 3. sports
- 4. computers
- 5. watch gifts

### ✓ Based on total sales

#### TOP 5

- 1. health
- 2. watches
- 3. bed
- 4. sports
- 5. computers
- ✓ While the bed\_bath\_table category had the highest no of products purchased, it didn't translate into a better revenu. This means customers purchased more bed\_bath\_table items but spent more money on average on expensive items like health beauty