

**Marketing mix:
product and price**

New product development

Costs

- Market research needed is expensive
- Requires large capital expenditure
- No guarantee of success
- Threat to survival of business if financed by borrowing and the product is not a success

Benefits

- Meeting the changing needs of customers
- Competitive advantage
- Increased potential sales, revenue and profit in new market
- Spreading risk

Branding

- Easier product recognition
- Can charge higher price than less well-known brands
- Easier to launch new product because of customer loyalty

Packaging

- Protect the product
- Provide information about the product
- Help consumers recognize the product

Product life cycle

- Product is introduced — Introduction
- Sales are increasing — Growth
- Sales are no longer growing but are not falling — Maturity
- Product is eventually withdrawn — Denial

Pricing methods

- Market skimming
- Penetration pricing — Loss-leader, BOGOF
- Cost-plus pricing — Mark-up, full-cost
- Competitive pricing
- Promotional pricing

Choosing a pricing method

- Is it a new or an existing market?
- Is the product unique?
- Is there a lot of competition in the market?
- Does the business have a well-known brand image?
- What are the costs of making and supplying the product?
- What are the marketing objectives of the business?

Price elasticity of demand

- Price elastic — The % change in demand is less than the % change in price.
 - Decrease price — Increase revenue
 - Increase price — Decrease revenue
- Price inelastic — The % change in demand is greater than the % change in price.
 - Decrease price — Decrease revenue
 - Increase price — Increase revenue

Extension strategies
-Finding new markets for the product
-Finding new uses for the product
-Adapting product or the packaging
-Increased advertising and promotional activities

To extend maturity stage