





Marketing Mix

- Product differentiation

- ► There are three levels on which products can be differentiated [6]
- 1. Core product definition:
 - "the problem-solving services or core benefits that consumers are really buying when they obtain a product" [7]
 - the essential basics needed to compete in a product market
 - e.g. a PC needs to be able to run software and display the results
- 2. Actual Product definition:
 - "a product's parts, quality level, features, design, brand name, packaging and other attributes that combine to deliver core product benefits" [8]

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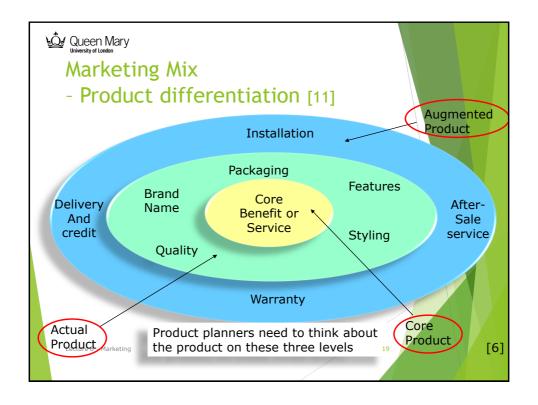


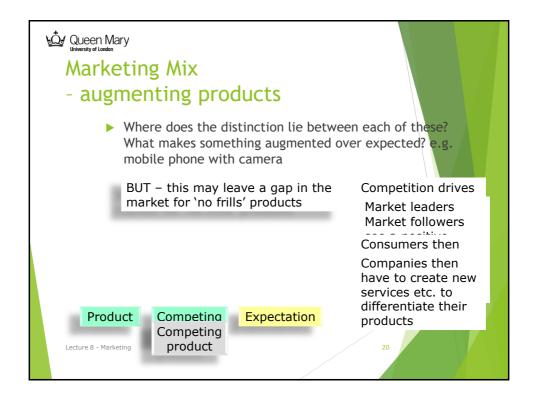
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- 3. Augmented product definition:
 - "additional consumer services and benefits built around the core and actual products" [9]
 - offers features, services or benefits that go beyond normal expectations
 - e.g. free installation, free broadband connection for a year etc
- An additional category highlighted by Levitt (1986)
 - Potential product includes all of the features and services that could be envisaged as beneficial to customers, i.e. what can be used to differentiate the product next?

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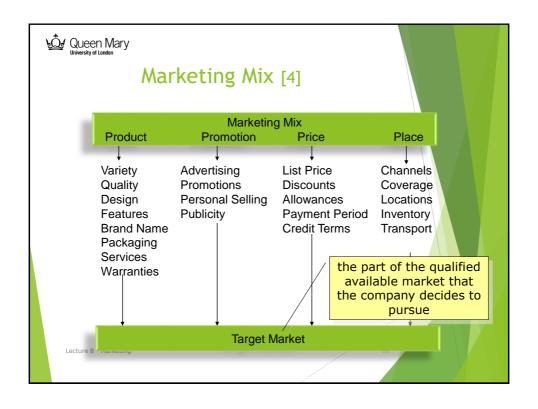


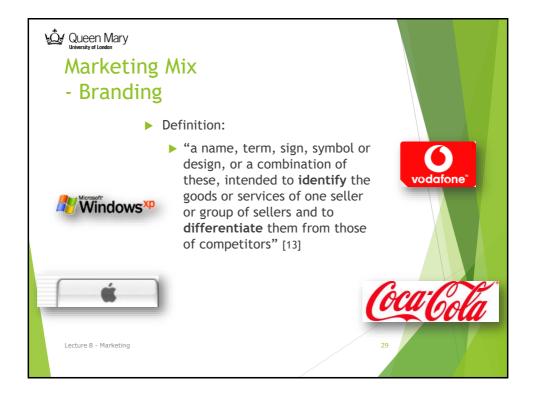








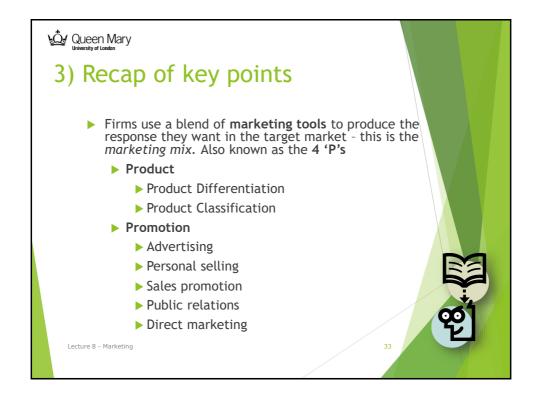




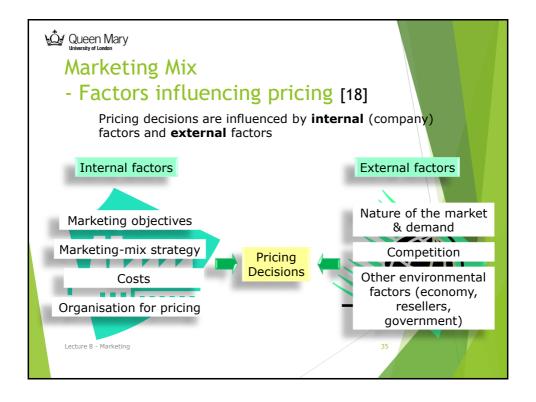






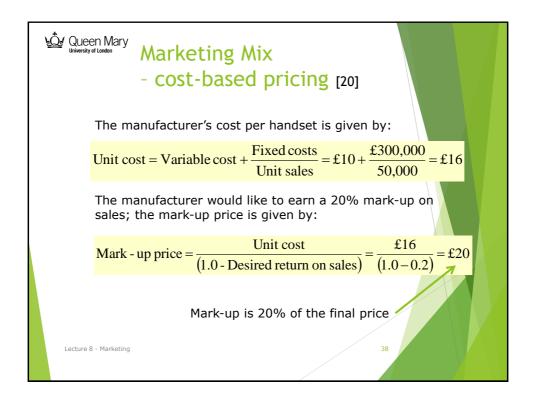






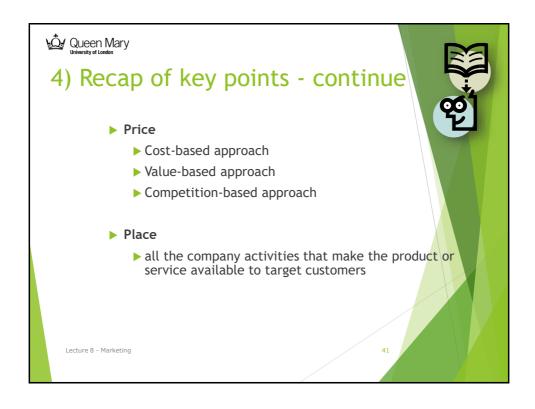




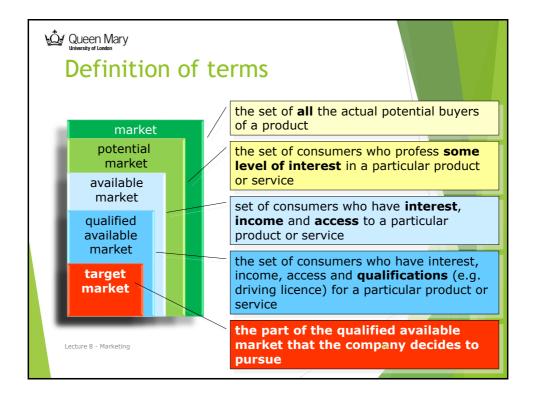




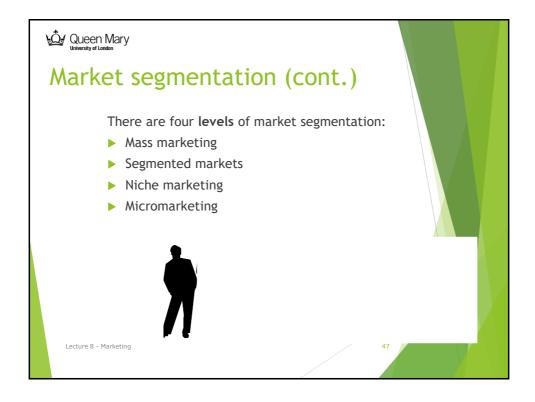














Market segmentation - Mass Marketing

- Definition
 - "using almost the same product, promotion and distribution for all consumers" [25]
- ▶ Basically **no segmentation** is carried out
- ▶ Form of marketing used for much of 20th Century
 - ▶ Ford Model T and "any colour as long as it's black"
- ► Advantage could mean a larger market for the one product
- ▶ Disadvantage diverse groups of customers expect products to closely fit their own needs

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