







The Price Elasticity of Demand compares

Qd of prescription drugs decrease if the price increases

Qd of strawberries decrease if the price increases

Size of the change in Qd

Size of the change in Price



Small drop in Qd

Large drop in Qd



We need prescription medication...we must purchase regardless of the price

We don't need strawberries...we can buy a different fruit





Demand is Elastic -

Demand is Inelastic

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Size of the change in Qd

With Size of the change in Price

Qd of prescription drugs decrease if the price increases

Demand is Inelastic —— Small drop in Qd

Qd of strawberries decrease if the price increases

Demand is Elastic — Large drop in Q^d

Consumers are
insensitive to changes
in the price of
prescription meds

Consumers are
sensitive to changes
in the price of
strawberries

Formula to calculate the elasticity