



**% Change in Production Since Previous year**



**Increase in Production**

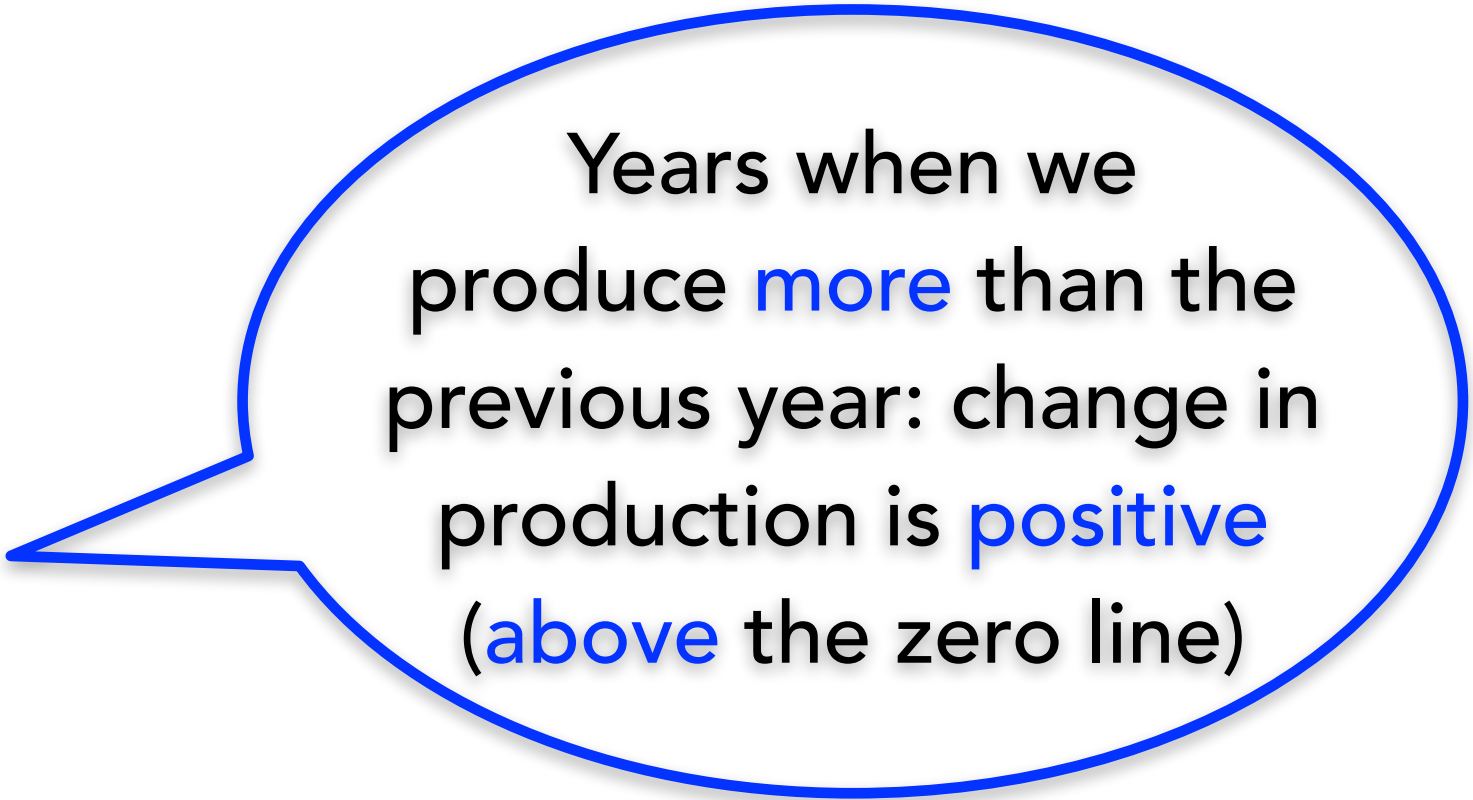
**Decrease in Production**

0% → **NO Change** in Production



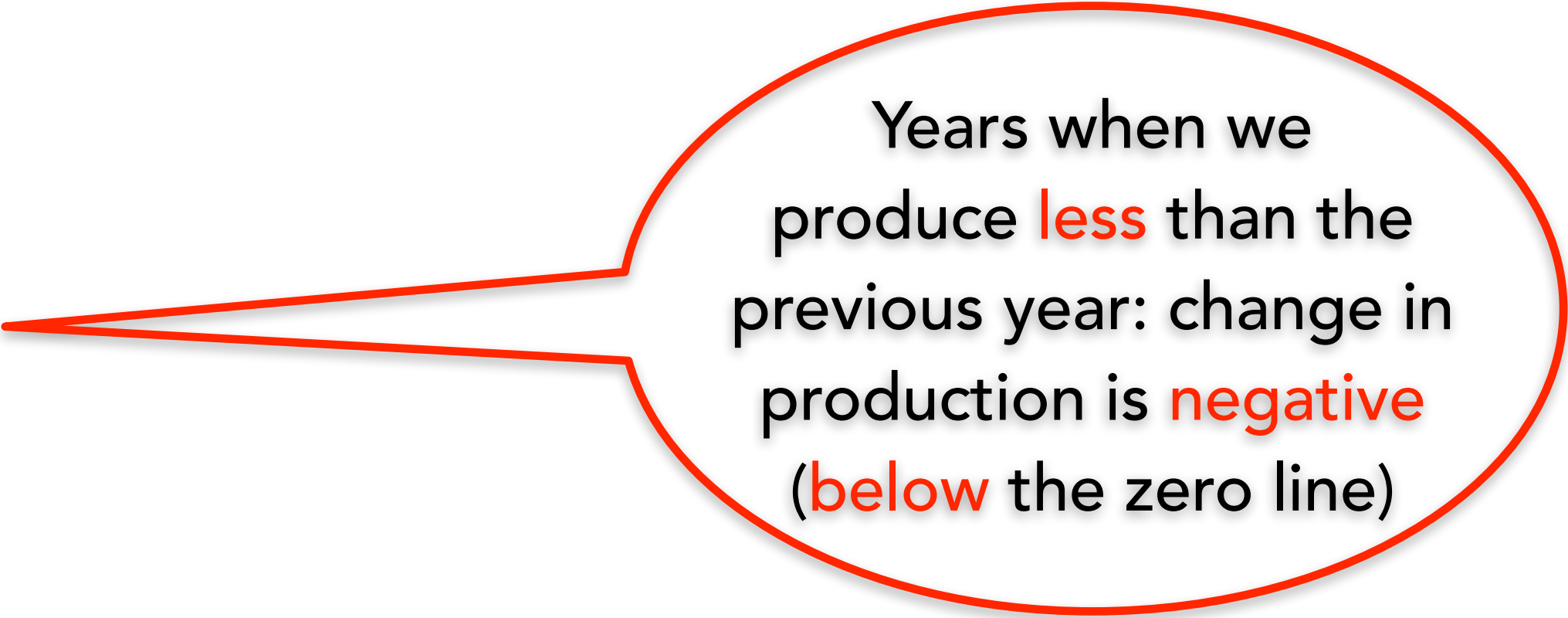
**Years**

Reading a GDP graph

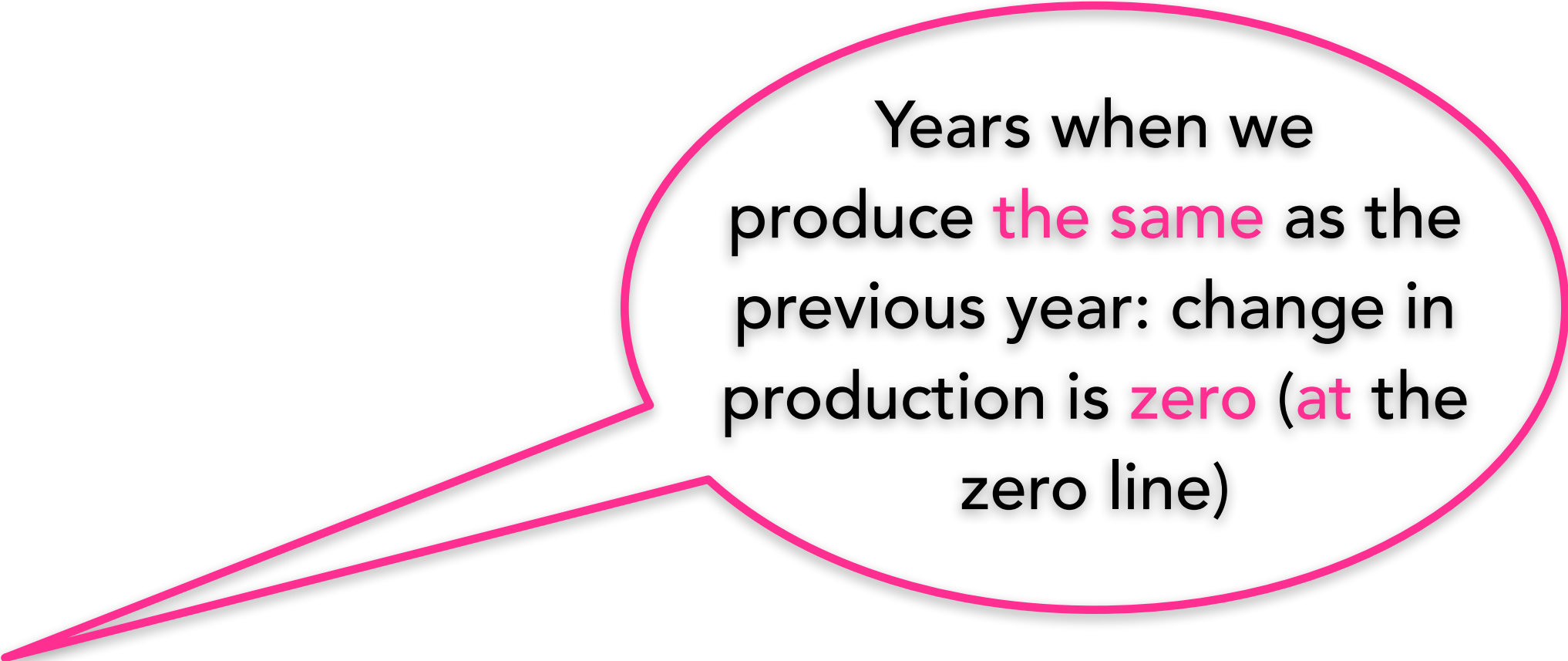
A blue speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the bottom-left corner. Inside the bubble is text describing years with positive production change.

Years when we  
produce **more** than the  
previous year: change in  
production is **positive**  
(**above** the zero line)

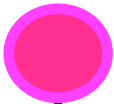




Years when we  
produce **less** than the  
previous year: change in  
production is **negative**  
(**below** the zero line)



Years when we  
produce **the same** as the  
previous year: change in  
production is **zero** (**at** the  
zero line)



Year 5



**Year 1**



**Year 3**

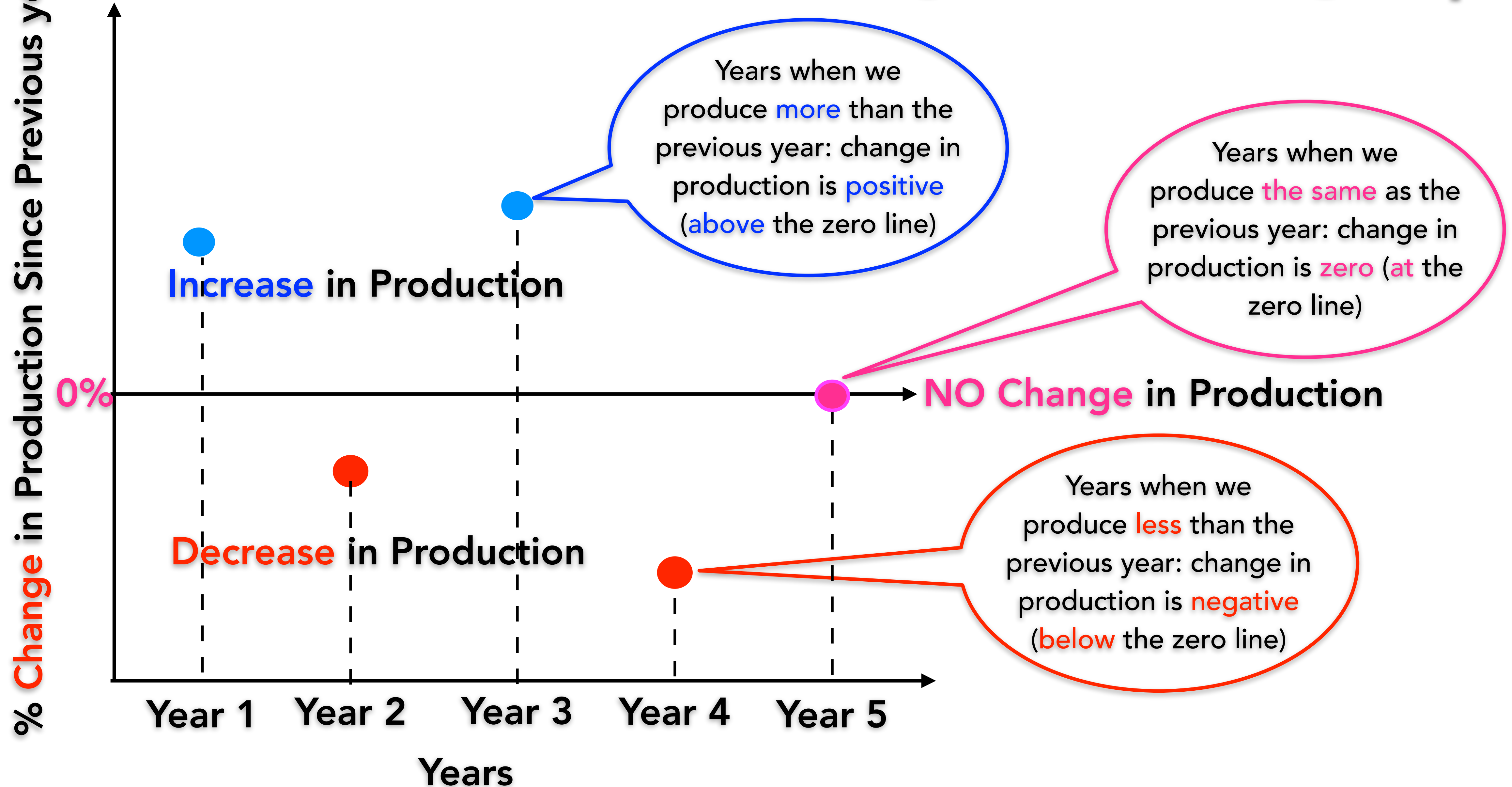


**Year 2**

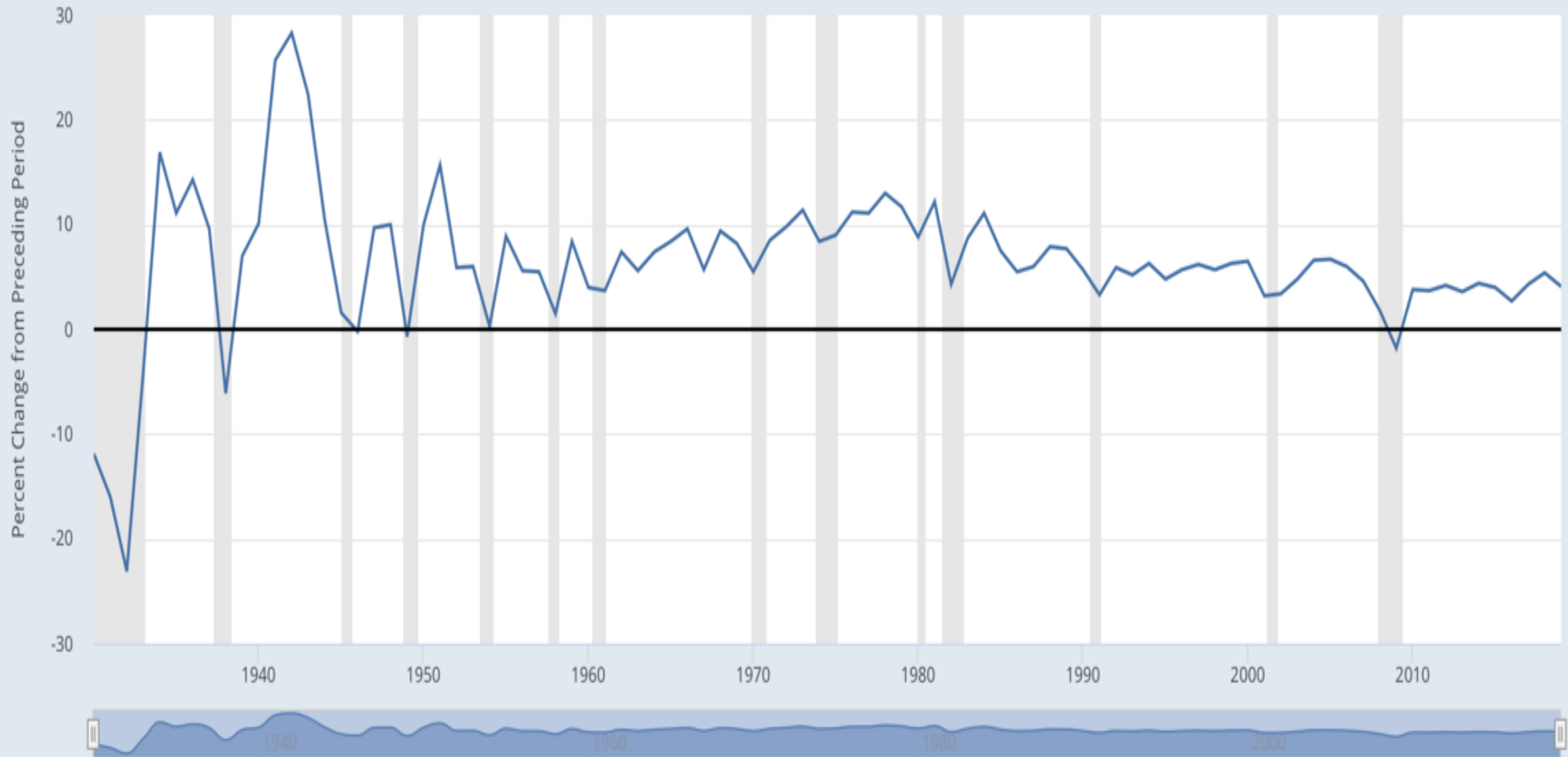


**Year 4**

# Reading a GDP graph







*Shaded areas indicate U.S. recessions.\**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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