

Reasons for Changes in Supply

Part A

Read the eight newspaper headlines in Figure 6.2, and record the impact, if any, of each event on the supply of cars. Use the first column to the right of the headline to show whether the event will cause a change in supply. Use the next column to record whether the change is an increase or a decrease in supply. In the third column, decide whether the supply curve shifts left or right. Finally, write the letter for the new supply curve. Use Figure 6.1 to help you. **Always start at curve B**, and move only one curve at a time. Two headlines imply that the supply of cars does not change.



Figure 6.1
Supply of Foreign and Domestic Cars

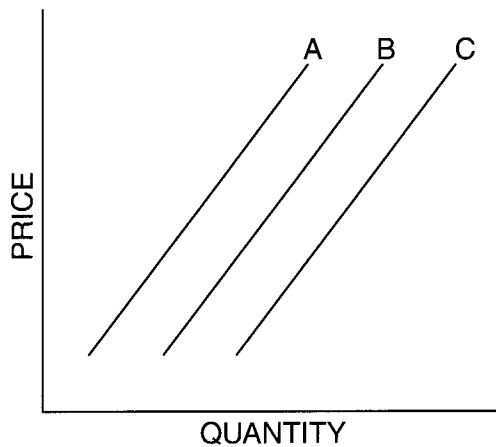



Figure 6.2

Headline	Supply Shift? (Y / N)	If Supply Shifts, Inc / Dec	Curve Shifts Left / Right	New Curve
1. Auto Workers' Union Agrees to Wage Cuts				
2. New Robot Technology Increases Efficiency				
3. Nationwide Auto Strike Began at Midnight				
4. New Import Quotas Reduce Foreign Car Imports				
5. Cost of Steel Rises				
6. Auto Producer Goes Bankrupt; Closes Operation				
7. Buyers Reject New Models				
8. National Income Rises 2%				

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Part B

Categorize each change in supply in Part A according to the reason why supply changed. In Figure 6.3, place an X next to the reason that the event described in the headline caused a change in supply. In some cases, more than one headline could be matched to a reason. Two headlines do not indicate a shift in supply.

 Figure 6.3

↓ Reason	Headline Number →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A change in costs of inputs to production process									
A change in technology									
A change in the number of producers in the market									
Government policies									