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WELCOME FROM THE AUTHORS!

The National Association of Colleges and Employers recently reported that college student hiring has rebounded from reductions experienced during the pandemic. The reopening of businesses, vaccine distribution, and new types of jobs are all contributing to a strong recovery. Many of the new jobs are in marketing, including digital interface manager, Internet sales representative, and customer communication specialist. In addition, pre-pandemic marketing jobs such as brand ambassador, content strategist, event coordinator, marketing analytics manager, and social media manager are also growing. The most recent CMO Survey reported that 72 percent of companies saw increasing importance in the role of marketing. The growth of marketing reflects the exciting changes occurring in the marketplace and the integral role marketing professionals will play in businesses, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and all parts of our economic and social environment. We are excited to have the opportunity to participate in your journey as a student of marketing, and we hope that this textbook will help you discover your personal goals related to a career of compassion and purpose in marketing or any of the fields it will influence!

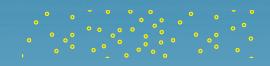
Many of the changes in the marketplace are the result of the pandemic, of course. Delivery services, curbside pickup, and touchless payment are just a few of the obvious pandemic-generated changes marketers have adopted. The integration of many new technologies, consumer interests, and social trends was already under way, but it accelerated during the pandemic. For example, artificial intelligence, consumer demands for environmentally friendly products, and the growing interest in diversity, equity, and inclusion are all becoming integral elements of the practice of marketing. To help you see the links these trends have with marketing integral elements of the practice of marketing. To help you see the links these trends have with marketing actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, such as Elon Musk's Mission to actions we have included many current, interesting, and relevant examples, and included many current, interesting to action action

The dynamic nature of the marketing discipline necessitates equally dynamic learning resources, so we have focused on ensuring that our textbook provides the most insightful and comprehensive coverage we have focused on ensuring that our textbook provides the most insightful and comprehensive coverage of the marketplace today. We have included many features that reflect the dramatic changes in student of the marketplace today. We have included many features that reflect the dramatic changes in student learning styles, from traditional observational styles to contemporary collaborative styles. Our approach to presenting the complexities of marketing and facilitating the changes in learning is based on three important dimensions:

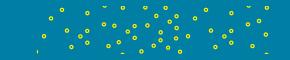
- **Engagement.** As professors we have benefited from interactions with many exceptional students, managers, and instructors. Their insights have contributed to our approach to teaching and, subsequently, to our efforts as textbook authors. One of the essential elements of our approach is a subsequently, to our efforts as textbook authors. One of the essential elements of our approach is a commitment to active learning through engaging, integrated, and timely materials. In-class activities, an interactive blog, marketing plan exercises, and in-text links to online ads and web pages are just a few examples of our engagement model.
- **Leadership.** Our approach is also based on a commitment to taking a leadership role in the development and presentation of new ideas, principles, theories, and practices in marketing. This is more important now than ever before, as the pace of change in our discipline accelerates and influences almost every aspect of traditional marketing. We are certain that exposure to leading-edge material related to topics such as social media, data analytics, and marketing metrics can help students become leaders in their jobs and careers.
- **Innovation.** New educational technologies and innovative teaching tools have magnified the engagement and leadership aspects of our approach. Connect, LearnSmart, and SmartBook provide a digital and interactive platform that embraces the "anytime and anywhere" style of today's students. In addition, we have provided new videos and increased the visual impact of the text and PowerPoint materials to facilitate multimedia approaches to learning.

Through the previous 15 U.S. editions—and 20 international editions in 12 languages—we have been gratified by the enthusiastic feedback we have received from students and instructors. We are very excited to have this opportunity to share our passion for this exciting discipline with you today. Welcome to the 16th edition of *Marketing!*Roger A. Kerin

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PREFACE



Marketing utilizes a unique, innovative, and effective pedagogical approach developed by the authors through the integration of their combined classroom, college, and university experiences. The elements of this approach have been the foundation for each edition of Marketing as they have evolved and adapted to changes in student learning styles, the growth of the marketing discipline, and the development of new instructional technologies, and they serve as the core of the 16th edition of the text and its supplements. The distinctive features of our approach are illustrated below:

Rigorous Framework

A pedagogy based on the use of learning objectives, learning reviews, learning objectives reviews, and supportive student supplements.

Traditional and Contemporary Coverage

Comprehensive and integrated coverage of traditional and contemporary marketing concepts.

High-Engagement Style

Easy-to-read, highinvolvement, interactive writing style that engages students through active learning techniques.

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Pedagogical Approach

Integrated Technology

The use of powerful technical resources and learning solutions, such as Connect, SmartBook 2.0, the Kerin & Hartley Blog (www.kerinmarketing.com), and in-text video links.

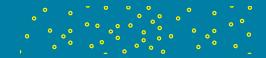
Personalized Marketing

A vivid and accurate description of businesses, marketing professionals, and entrepreneurs—through cases, exercises, and testimonials—that allows students to personalize marketing and identify possible career interests.

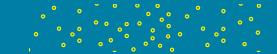
Marketing Decision Making

The use of extended examples, cases, and videos involving people making marketing decisions.





The goal of the 16th edition of *Marketing* is to create an exceptional learning experience for today's students and instructors of marketing. The development of the new edition of *Marketing* was based on a rigorous process of assessment, and the outcome of the process is a text and package of learning tools that are based on *engagement*, *leadership*, and *innovation* in marketing education.



ENGAGEMENT

The author team has benefited from extraordinary experiences as instructors, researchers, and consultants, as well as the feedback of users of previous editions of *Marketing*—now more than 1 million students! The authors believe that success in marketing education in the future will require the highest levels of engagement. They ensure engagement by facilitating interaction between students and four learning partners—the instructor, other students, businesses, and the publisher. Some examples of the high-engagement elements of *Marketing*:

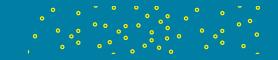
In-Class Activities and Digital In-Class Activities. The in-class activities, located in the *Instructor's Manual*, are designed to engage students in discussions with the instructor and among themselves. They involve surveys, online resources, out-of-class assignments, and personal observations. Each activity illustrates a concept from the textbook and can be done individually or as a team. Examples include: Designing a Candy Bar, Marketing Yourself, Pepsi vs. Coke Taste Test, and What Makes a Memorable TV Commercial? In addition, digital in-class activities have been added to selected chapters. These activities, located in the Instructor Resources, focus on the use of web resources and the marketing data they can provide students.

Interactive Web Page (www.kerinmarketing.com). Students can access recent articles about marketing and post comments for other students.

Building Your Marketing Plan. The Building Your Marketing Plan guides at the end of each chapter are based on the format of the marketing plan presented in Appendix A. On the basis of self-study or as part of a course assignment, students can use the activities to organize interactions with businesses to build a marketing plan. Students and employers often suggest that a well-written plan in a student's portfolio is an asset in today's competitive job market.





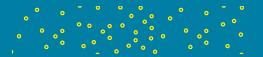


The popularity of *Marketing* in the United States and around the globe is the result, in part, of the leadership role of the authors in developing and presenting new marketing content and pedagogies. For example, *Marketing* was the first text to meaningfully integrate ethics, interactive and social media marketing, and marketing metrics and dashboards. It was also the first text to develop custom-made videos to help illustrate marketing principles and practices and bring them to life for students as they read the text. The authors have also been leaders in developing new learning tools, such as a three-step learning process that includes learning objectives, learning reviews, and learning objectives reviews and new testing materials that are based on Bloom's learning taxonomy. Other elements that illustrate how *Marketing* is a leader in the discipline include:

Chapter 20: Using Social Media and Mobile Marketing to Connect with Consumers. Marketing features a dedicated and up-to-date chapter on social media and mobile marketing. This new environment is rapidly changing and constantly growing. The authors cover the building blocks of social media and mobile marketing and provide thorough, relevant content and examples. The authors describe major social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, and LinkedIn. They explain how managers and companies can use those platforms for marketing purposes, including influencer marketing, and highlight user privacy issues with each platform. Chapter 20 also includes a new section titled Social Media Marketing Programs and Customer Engagement that describes criteria for selecting social media platforms and social media content, how social media can produce sales, and methods of measuring a company's success with social media and mobile marketing. This chapter is an example of one of many ways Marketing is on the cutting edge of marketing practice.

Applying Marketing Metrics. The Applying Marketing Metrics feature in the text delivers two important measurement elements in business and marketing management today—performance metrics and the dashboards to visualize them. The text includes 15 examples of proven marketing performance metrics, including their purpose, calculation, application, interpretation, and display in marketing dashboards. Some of the metrics included are net promoter scores (NPS), customer lifetime value (CLV), New Product Vitality Index, category development index (CDI), brand development index (BDI), load factor (a capacity management metric), price premium, sales per square foot, same-store sales growth, promotion-to-sales ratio, cost per thousand (CPM) impressions, and customer engagement with social media. The text's Applying Marketing Metrics feature is designed to encourage readers to learn, practice, display, and apply marketing metrics in a meaningful manner for decision-making purposes.





Color-Coded Graphs and Tables. The use of color in the graphs and tables enhances their readability and adds a visual level of learning to the textbook for readers. These color highlights increase student comprehension by linking the text discussion to colored elements in the graphs and tables.

New Video Cases. Each chapter ends with a case that is supported by a video to illustrate the issues in the chapter. New cases such as Bombas, Mary Kay China, Minnesota Lynx, Poshmark, Chipotle, and Ford Mach-E, and recent cases such as Fallon Worldwide, Body Glove, and Cascade Maverik provide current and relevant examples that are familiar to students.



INNOVATION



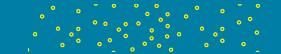
In today's fast-paced and demanding educational environment, innovation is essential to effective learning. To maintain *Marketing*'s leadership position in the marketplace, the author team consistently creates innovative pedagogical tools that match contemporary students' learning styles and interests. The authors keep their fingers on the pulse of technology to bring real innovation to their text and package. Innovations such as in-text links, hyperlinked PowerPoint slides, and an online blog augment the McGraw Hill Education online innovations such as Connect, LearnSmart, and SmartBook.

In-Text Links. You can see Internet links in magazine ads; on television programming; as part of catalogs, in-store displays, and product packaging; and throughout *Marketing!* These links bring the text to life with ads and videos about products and companies that are discussed in the text. These videos also keep the text even more current. While each link in the text has a caption, the links are updated to reflect new campaigns and market changes. In addition, the links allow readers to stream the video cases at the end of each chapter. You can simply click on the links in the digital book or use your smartphone or computer to follow the links.

Online Blog. Visit <u>www.kerinmarketing.com</u> to participate in *Marketing*'s online blog discussion.

Connect and SmartBook 2.0 Integration. These McGraw Hill Education products provide a comprehensive package of online resources to enable students to learn faster, study more efficiently, and increase knowledge retention. The products represent the gold standard in online, interactive, and adaptive learning tools and have received accolades from industry experts for their Library and Study Center elements, filtering and reporting functions, and immediate student feedback capabilities. In addition, the authors have developed book-specific interactive assignments, including (a) auto-graded applications based on the marketing plan exercises, and (b) activities based on the Applying Marketing Metrics boxes and marketing metrics presented in the text.

Innovative Test Bank. Containing more than 5,000 multiple-choice and essay questions, the *Marketing* Test Bank reflects more than two decades of innovations. The Test Bank also includes "visual test questions" in each chapter to reward students who make an effort to understand key graphs, tables, and images in the chapter.







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Asset Alignment with Bloom's Taxonomy

Principles of Marketing

We Take Students Higher

As a learning science company, we create content that supports higher order thinking skills. Within McGraw Hill Connect®, we tag content accordingly so you can filter your search, assign it, and receive reporting on it. These content asset types can be associated with one or more levels of Bloom's.

The chart below shows a few of the key assignable marketing assets with Connect aligned with Bloom's Taxonomy. Take your students higher by assigning a variety of applications, moving them from simple memorization to concept application.



SmartBook 2.0

SmartBook 2.0 personalizes learning to individual student needs, continually adapting to pinpoint knowledge gaps and focus learning on concepts requiring additional study.

Click & Drags

These activities help make the connection between theory and application through matching, ranking, or grouping activities.

iSeeit! Video Cases

Short, contemporary videos provide engaging, animated introductions to key course concepts. Available at the topic level. Perfect for launching lectures and assigning pre- or postlecture.

Video Cases & Case Analyses

Video cases and case analyses, featuring real companies, are assignable with corresponding comprehension questions that help students analyze and apply key marketing concepts.

Marketing Analytics

These auto-graded, marketing analytics activities challenge students to make decisions using metrics commonly seen across marketing professions. The goal of these activities is to give students practice analyzing and using marketing data to make decisions.

Marketing Plan Prep Exercises

These exercises use guided activities and examples to help students understand and differentiate the various elements of a marketing plan.

Application-Based Activities

Highly interactive, application-based activities immerse students in real-world business environments. Placed in the role of a marketing manager or business professional, students are challenged to make data-informed decisions and apply multiple concepts while seeing the impact of their decisions immediately.

Writing Assignment Plus

Writing Assignment Plus delivers a learning experience that helps students improve their written communication skills and conceptual understanding. Faculty can assign, monitor, grade, and provide feedback on writing projects efficiently. Built-in grammar and writing review helps students improve writing quality while an originality check helps students correct potential plagiarism before submission. End result? Improved workplace writing and critical thinking skills.

NEW AND REVISED CONTENT

This edition has been updated with a variety of new features, examples, and discussions that address key topics such as social responsibility in marketing, pandemic and post-pandemic marketing and customer experience implications, purpose-driven marketing and the customer value proposition, and technology.

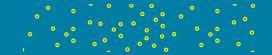
For example, six new, timely, interesting and relevant end-of-chapter cases and videos that address topics such as social missions, marketing in China, social change, new marketplace technology, integrity-based business models, and sustainability have been added. In addition, Marketing 16e has expanded its coverage of social responsibility and sustainability topics such as as privacy, social entrepreneurship, diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental impact. Many marketplace changes related to the pandemic such as curbside pickup, touchless payment, and delivery have been integrated, and many examples of the growing trend toward purpose-driven brands such as Bombas and Chipotle have been added. And, this edition has expanded the discussion of the many applications and implications of new and emerging technologies.

Chapter 1: New Bombas Chapter Opener and Video Case, New Robotics Example, and New Material on Facebook's Privacy Concerns. Chapter 1 now begins with a discussion of Bombas and its founders David Heath and Randy Goldberg. The company's social mission to give away millions of socks to homeless shelters and its buy-one-give-one model are presented. Discussion of Elon Musk's new businesses such as the Hyperloop, OpenAl, Neuralink, and The Boring Company in the Marketing and Your Career section has been updated. Technological breakthroughs such as personal robots are discussed as possible influences on environmental forces. New discussion of Facebook's efforts to address privacy concerns has been added. The chapter ends with a new video case about Bombas and its successful marketing program.

Chapter 2: Updated Chapter Opening Example, Addition of a New Example of Social Entrepreneurship, an Updated Application of Business Portfolio Analysis, and New Extended Coverage of Consumer Value Propositions. The Chapter 2 opening example has been updated to discuss the growing interest in social, economic, and environmental changes that will make the world a better place. The social entrepreneur venture Recidiviz has been added to the Forbes 30 Under 30: Social Entrepreneurs discussion in the Making Responsible Decisions box. The discussion of business definitions and business models now describes how Uber has added Uber Health to its portfolio of offerings. The concept of key performance indicators (KPIs) has been added to the Goals or Objectives discussion. The application of the Boston Consulting Group business portfolio model to Apple's product line has been updated to include changes related to the Apple Card, the iPhone, and the iPad/iPad mini tablet devices. New discussion of the value of customer experiences has been added, including a new figure (Figure 2-8) showing the value placed on different types of consumer experiences.

Chapter 3: Update of Facebook's Response to the Changing Marketing Environment, Update of New Trends in Marketing, and Updated Discussion of **Gender-Neutral Marketing Actions.** The chapter opening example is updated to reflect the dramatic environmental changes Facebook is facing. The discussion of new trends, such as the increasing focus on meaning and purpose in business, the shift to subscription-based business models, the decline in the use of cookies, the digital transformation of many businesses, and the changing regulatory environment in industries such as ride sharing, cannabis, and health care has been expanded. Discussion of Ad Age's Multicultural Agency of the Year, Nimbus, and its advertising campaign for Papa John's Pizza has been added. A discussion of new trends in technology, such as 3D printing, cryptocurrency, and autonomous vehicles, has also been added. The Competitive Forces discussion now reflects the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint to create a three-carrier oligopoly in the wireless telephone industry.





Chapter 4: Updated Chapter Opening Example, Expanded Descriptions of Consumer Ethics, Sustainable Marketing, and Sustainable Consumption, and New Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The chapter opening example has been updated to include social media campaigns such as the "Drink Wiser" campaign. The issue of robocalls is added to the discussion in the Ethics of Exchange section. In addition, the chapter ends with a completely new discussion of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives as part of companies' sustainable development programs.

Chapter 5: Updated Chapter Opening Example about New-Car-Buying Decisions, an Expanded Discussion of Impulse Buying Online, and an Update of the Section on Asian American Buying Patterns. The chapter opening example has been updated to reflect the pivotal role of women in the conversion from internal combustion engines to all-electric powered cars. The discussion of situation effects on the purchase process has been expanded to highlight impulse buying online and during natural disasters such as the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition the Asian American Buying Patterns section has been updated to reflect this group's growing economic influence.

Chapter 6: Updated Discussion of Organizational Buying Objectives to Include Diversity and Inclusion Considerations, and a New Example of Supercomputer Purchase in the Buyer–Seller Relationships and Supply Partnerships section. The description of organizational buying objectives has been updated to include Target's commitment to spend more than \$2 billion with Black-owned advertising agencies and vendors. In addition, the U.S. Department of Energy's purchase of an AMD supercomputer has been added to the Buyer–Seller Relationships discussion.

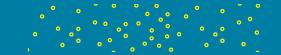
Chapter 7: Inclusion of a New Video Case Featuring the Recent Brand Building Program by Mary Kay, Inc., in China, and a New Section Covering the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. The discussion on the economic integration among countries has been expanded to include a section on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) consisting of 15 Asian and Pacific countries. The chapter now ends with a new video case on Mary Kay's launch of Pink Young in China. The case covers Mary Kay's global market-entry strategy and its product and promotion programs.

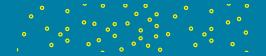
Chapter 8: Updated Chapter Opening Example, an Update of Nielsen Television Program Rankings, and an Updated Example of Forecasting Sales for a New Running Shoe. The chapter opening example has been updated to reflect the use of marketing research in Hollywood and its potential influence on movies such as Black Widow, Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey, and Toy Story. The discussion of national TV ratings data collected by Nielsen, as an example of a mechanical method of data collection, has been updated. In addition, the discussion of direct forecasting has been updated to include the New Balance Fuel Cell Rebel as an example.

Chapter 9: Update of Zappos's Use of Segmentation, New Examples, and New Simmons National Consumer Survey Data. The chapter opening example has been updated to describe how Zappos uses behavioral segmentation, and to show examples of its new single shoe and mixed-size offerings. The Patronage of Fast-Food Restaurants section offers updated Simmons National Consumer Survey data.

Chapter 10: New Discussion of Data Analytics and an Expanded Discussion of Open versus Closed Innovation in the New-Product Development Process. The Stage 4: Business Analysis section has new discussion about big data, analytics, and artificial intelligence technologies. The new-product development process is expanded by comparing the open versus closed innovation process at PepsiCo and Apple, respectively.

Chapter 11: The Latest Brand Extension for Gatorade, an Expanded Example of the Product Life Cycle for Fashion Products, New Brand Equity Discussion, New Material on Brand Purpose in Brand





Equity Development, and New Packaging Examples. The Chapter 11 discussion of Gatorade in the chapter opener now includes material on Gatorade's new Gx Sweat Patch and App. An expanded discussion of the product life cycle for a fashion product now includes the rebirth of Crocs as an example. Coca-Cola's introduction of Coca-Cola Energy is presented as a failed example in the brand extension discussion. The latest thinking on brand purpose in brand equity development is introduced and illustrated by Nike and Patagonia examples.

Chapter 12: New Video Case Featuring the Minnesota Lynx, New Discussion of Airbnb's Response to the Pandemic, New Loyalty Program Discussion, New Services Examples, and New Advertisements. Discussion of Airbnb's response to the pandemic through an emphasis on close family-friendly destinations, services such as Online Experiences, and its "Made Possible by Hosts" advertising campaign have been added to the chapter opener. Discussion of loyalty program member expectations and new service example, Amazon Fresh, have been added. The Services in the Future section now includes a discussion of the Samsung Smart Trainer, which uses motion-detecting AI to improve workouts. In addition, new advertisements from Delta Air Lines, Merrill Lynch, the United Way, the American Red Cross, the United States Postal Service, Reputation Defender, Accenture, Amazon Fresh, and Samsung Smart Trainer have been added. The chapter ends with a new video case about the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx and it's use of marketing to build a team brand and to facilitate being a vehicle for social change.

Chapter 13: Updated Chapter Opening Example, Update of the Bugatti Chiron Pricing Example, Expanded Discussion of Survival as a Pricing Objective, New Discussion of the Impact of the Pandemic on the Frozen Pizza Demand Curve, and New Discussion of the Profit Impact of Price Changes. The chapter opening example has been updated to include VIZIO's introduction of its first OLED TV. The example of the calculation of a final price for a Bugatti Chiron, with a Mini-Cooper trade-in, has been updated. The discussion of survival as a pricing objective has

been expanded to include the influence of the pandemic. The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on frozen pizza demand has been added to the discussion of a shift in the demand curve. In addition, a new discussion highlighting how price changes affect profitability adds rigor to the understanding of the effect of raising and reducing prices and price elasticity of demand.

Chapter 14: Updated Description of Demand-Oriented Pricing for Microsoft's Xbox Series X Video Game Console versus Sony's PlayStation 5 and Amazon. The rationale behind the demand-oriented pricing strategies used by Microsoft's Xbox Series X and Sony's PlayStation 5 in the game console market has been updated to reflect changes in the competitive environment. The odd-even pricing description is expanded to include a discussion of the left-digit bias common in price perceptions.

Chapter 15: Updated Chapter Opening Example, Expanded Section on Direct to Consumer Marketing, and New Example in Buyer Requirements Section.

The chapter opening example has been updated to include Eddie Bauer's expanded multichannel strategy by selling through Kohl's department stores. The popularity of direct to consumer marketing now includes examples of PepsiCo and Heinz selling through Snacks. com and Heinz to Home, respectively. The discussion of the influence of buyer requirements in channel selection has been expanded to include the incentives General Motors is offering dealerships to add charging stations for electric vehicles.

Chapter 16: Updated Chapter Opening Example about Malls Reinventing Themselves, Update of the Top Franchises, New Discussion about Safety and Convenience in the Current Trends in Retailing Section. Chapter 16 opens with a description of the changes malls have undertaken in response to new shopping behaviors that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. A discussion of the growing importance of speed, convenience, touchless technology, and safety as retailers responded to the coronavirus pandemic has been added.





Chapter 17: New Video Case Featuring Poshmark, Updated Discussion of the Balance between the Traditional Marketplace and the Digital Marketspace, Update of Product Classes Purchased Online following the Growth of E-commerce, and Changes in the Use of Third-Party Cookies. The Marketing Challenges in Two Environments discussion has been expanded to describe the growth of physical showrooms and their use by digital natives. The product categories purchased online have been updated to include the seven categories that account for 90 percent of online purchases brought about by the pandemic. The Why Consumers Shop and Buy Online section has been expanded to describe the elimination of third-party cookies from popular browsers. Chapter 17 ends with a new video case on Poshmark, an online platform that offers a "completely new way to shop."

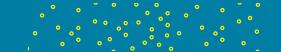
Chapter 18: New Video Case Featuring Chipotle Mexican Grill, Updated Chapter Opening Example Featuring the Taco Bell "Taco Moon" Campaign, New Advertisements, New Discussion of the Media Agency of the Year, and Addition of Opt-In Approaches to Direct Marketing Discussion. The chapter opening example has been completely updated to reflect Taco Bell's recent IMC activities. The company's "Taco Moon" campaign promotions in Guatemala, India, the UK, Australia, and Puerto Rico are all discussed. New advertisements include examples from The North Face, Oculus, Pepsi/Doritos, and T-Mobile. The IMC program used to promote the movie No Time To Die has been added to the Scheduling the Promotion section. The work of Ad Age's Media Agency of the Year, Initiative, is discussed. The chapter ends with a new video case titled Chipotle Mexican Grill: Where IMC Helps Deliver Food "For Real" that describes Chipotle's "food with integrity" business model and its many IMC activities.

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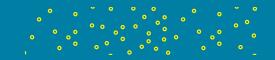
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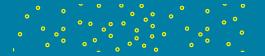
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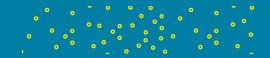


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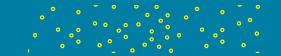
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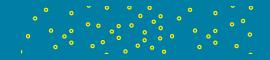
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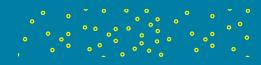
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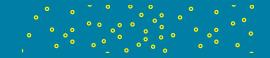
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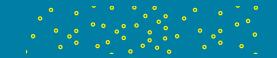
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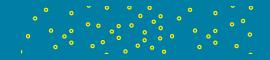
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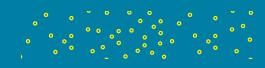
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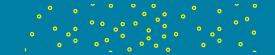
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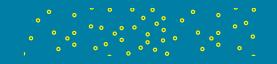
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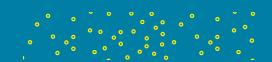
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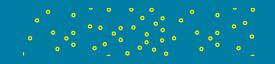
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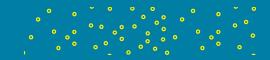
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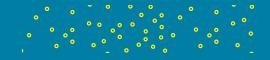
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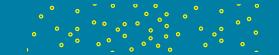
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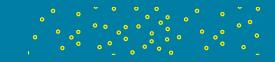
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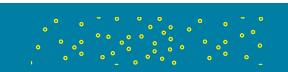
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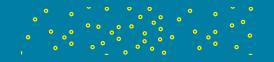
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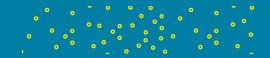
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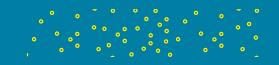
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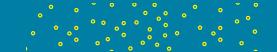
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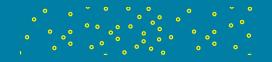
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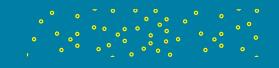
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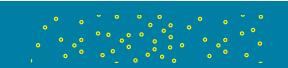
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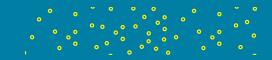
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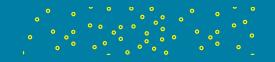
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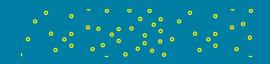
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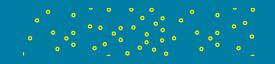
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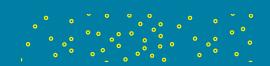
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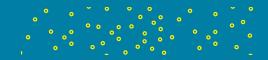
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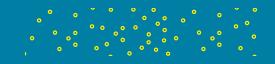
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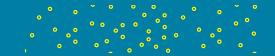
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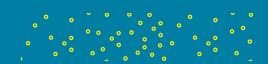
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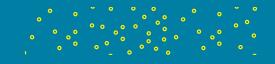
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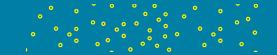
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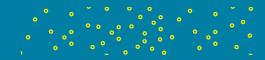
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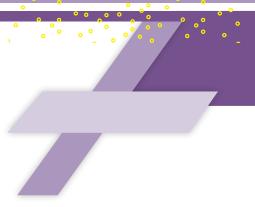
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MARKETING



Creating Customer Relationships and Value through Marketing



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After reading this chapter you should be able to:

- LO 1-1 Define marketing and identify the diverse factors that influence marketing actions.
- **LO 1-2** Explain how marketing discovers and satisfies consumer needs.
- LO 1-3 Distinguish between marketing mix factors and environmental forces.
- LO 1-4 Explain how organizations build strong customer relationships and customer value through marketing.
- LO 1-5 Describe the characteristics of a market orientation.

Bombas Is Solving Social Problems with Great Socks and Great Marketing!

Randy Goldberg and David Heath are on a mission—a social mission—to give away millions of socks to homeless shelters. You may know the company they founded, Bombas, for its comfortable socks. And if you've purchased a pair you also helped them achieve their mission because for every pair of socks purchased at Bombas, they donate a pair to someone affected by homelessness!

Their story started when Goldberg and Heath were co-workers at another company and learned that socks are the most requested item at homeless shelters. They decided to build a company that could solve the problem using the buy-one-give-one model. Today Bombas has annual sales of more than \$250 million and has donated more than 50 million clothing items.¹

What is the secret to Bombas's success? Read on to hear the rest of the story!

Creating Better Socks

Once they decided on the mission, the two entrepreneurs began to research the sock market. They discovered that most consumers were in "replenishment mode"—simply buying socks to replace old ones.² In addition, socks were not viewed as being very comfortable. Goldberg and Heath concluded that better socks would attract more consumers and allow them to donate more socks, so they began the process of designing "the most comfortable socks in the history of feet." They spent several years conducting research and testing prototypes with features they thought made better socks. The result was a sock with a seamless toe, a cushioned foot bed, an arch support system, elastic construction to keep the socks up, and blister tabs on the backs of ankle socks. The donated socks, specifically designed for people experiencing homelessness are dark-colored, reinforced, and antimicrobial-treated.³

Building a Brand with a Purpose

The combination of their social mission and their exceptional product was an important platform for starting their company. From there the co-founders used many elements of marketing to build their brand. First, the name Bombas comes from the Latin word for "bumblebee," and is significant because bees live in a hive and work together to make their world a better place. They added a bee as their logo and adopted "Bee Better" as their motto to describe a mantra or a way of approaching every day. All of these elements were designed to communicate that the brand is driven by more than profits.







Source: Bombas, LLC/Instagram, Inc.

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The new company raised money on crowdfunding site Indiegogo (www.indiegogo.com), created a direct-to-consumer website to sell its socks, and relied heavily on word of mouth to reach customers. Then Bombas received additional funding through a television appearance on *Shark Tank* and needed a marketing program that could reach a national audience and also communicate its messages of social impact and product quality.

Podcasts and video ads were logical communication tools because they could attract attention with audio and visual messages and they provided enough time to explain the social cause and the details of the product quality. Bombas also began using advertising on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. You may have seen some of Bombas's TV ads for its "The Greatest Sock Never Sold" campaign. The Bombas website features a video titled "Most Important Socks in the World" with more than 4 million views!⁴





David Heath and Randy Goldberg started Bombas to help solve a social problem: Socks are the most requested item at homeless shelters. Their buy-one-give-one model has allowed them to donate millions of pairs of socks! Courtesy of Bombas

Bombas Today

The Bombas web page says "We're Bombas. We believe that a more comfortable world is a better world. That everyone, no matter their circumstances, deserves to put on clean clothes that make them feel good." Bombas has certainly succeeded at this goal and it continues to grow. The company recently expanded its distribution through retail partners such as Nordstrom, Dick's Sporting Goods, Scheels, and Athleta stores. The company also expanded its product line to include T-shirts, underwear, and is looking at other possible products to offer. According to Heath, "I think when we look to the future, we could easily be a billion-dollar brand in revenue in the next 5 to 10 years." The company's commitment to responsible growth is also emphasized by its B-Corp certification which is given to Bombas for meeting the highest standards of social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability to balance profit and purpose. ⁵

Bombas, Marketing, and You

Will Randy Goldberg and David Heath continue their success story—particularly with the appearance of many other sock competitors and many new companies building altruism into their business models? For Bombas, one key factor will be how well it understands and uses marketing—the subject of this book. Bombas is also the subject of Video Case 1 at the end of this chapter!

WHAT IS MARKETING?

The good news is that you are already a marketing expert! You perform many marketing activities and make marketing-related decisions every day. For example, would you sell more Samsung 110-inch MicroLED "The Wall" TVs at \$100,000 or \$24,999? You answered \$24,999, right? So your experience in shopping gives you some expertise in marketing. As a consumer, you've been involved in thousands of marketing decisions, mostly on the buying and not the selling side. But to test your expertise, answer the "marketing expert" questions posed in Figure 1–1. You'll find the answers within the next several pages.

Are you a marketing expert? If so, what would you pay for this cutting-edge TV?

Source: Samsung





The see-if-you're-reallya-marketing-expert test.

Answer the questions below. The correct answers are given later in the chapter.

- 1. What is the name of the zero-calorie, sugar-free, gluten-free, vegan soft drink that is sweetened with natural ingredient stevia? (a) Coca-Cola, (b) Coca-Cola Zero Sugar, (c) Pepsi Zero Sugar, (d) Zevia.
- True or False: The 65-year lifetime value of a loyal auto repair center customer is \$147,000.
- 3. To be socially responsible Patagonia encourages its customers to do which of the following with its products? (a) repair, (b) trade, (c) recycle, (d) all three.



Elon Musk, the chief executive officer of Tesla and SpaceX, began building businesses shortly after graduating from college.

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The bad news is that good marketing isn't always easy. That's why every year thousands of new products fail in the marketplace and then quietly slide into oblivion.

Marketing and Your Career

Marketing affects all individuals, all organizations, all industries, and all countries. This book seeks to teach you marketing concepts, often by having you actually "do marketing"—by putting you in the shoes of a marketing manager facing actual marketing decisions. The book also shows marketing's many applications and how it affects our lives. This knowledge should make you a better consumer and enable you to be a more informed citizen, and it may even help you in your career planning.

Perhaps your future will involve doing sales and marketing for a large organization. Working for a well-known company—Apple,

Ford, Facebook, or General Mills—can be personally satisfying and financially rewarding, and you may gain special respect from your friends.

Start-ups and small businesses also offer marketing careers. Small businesses are the source of the majority of new U.S. jobs. So you might become your own boss by being an entrepreneur and starting your own business.

Shortly after leaving Stanford, Elon Musk, for example, started and sold a web software company called Zip2. With the proceeds from that business he started another business that merged with another and became PayPal. When PayPal was purchased by eBay, Musk founded another venture called SpaceX, which develops and manufactures space launch vehicles and hopes to send a mission to Mars "well before 2030." Since those initial business start-ups, Musk also started the electric car company Tesla and a solar power company called SolarCity. In addition, he has started a design competition for a high-speed transportation system called Hyperloop, a nonprofit artificial intelligence company called OpenAI, a neurotechnology company called Neuralink, and a tunnel construction firm called The Boring Company. Perhaps your interest in marketing will lead to new business successes like Musk's!

Marketing: Delivering Value to Customers

The American Marketing Association represents individuals and organizations involved in the development and practice of marketing worldwide. It defines **marketing** as the activity, set of institutions, and processes for creating, communicating, delivering, and exchanging offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large. This definition shows that marketing is far more than simply advertising or personal selling. It stresses the need to deliver genuine value in the offerings of goods, services, and ideas marketed to customers. Also, notice that an organization's marketing activities should also create value for its partners and for society.



Define marketing and identify the diverse factors that influence marketing actions.

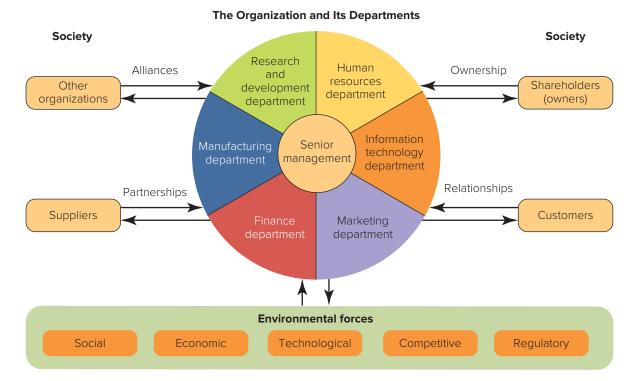


FIGURE 1-2

A marketing department relates to many people, organizations, and forces. Note that the marketing department both shapes and is shaped by its relationship with these internal and external groups.

To serve both buyers and sellers, marketing seeks (1) to discover the needs and wants of prospective customers and (2) to satisfy them. These prospective customers include both individuals, buying for themselves and their households, and organizations, buying for their own use (such as manufacturers) or for resale (such as wholesalers and retailers). The key to achieving these two objectives is the idea of **exchange**, which is the trade of things of value between a buyer and a seller so that each is better off after the trade.⁸

The Diverse Elements Influencing Marketing Actions

Although an organization's marketing activity focuses on assessing and satisfying consumer needs, countless other people, groups, and forces interact to shape the nature of its actions (see Figure 1–2). Foremost is the organization itself, whose mission and objectives determine what business it is in and what goals it seeks. Within the organization, management is responsible for establishing these goals. The marketing department works closely with a network of other departments and employees to help provide the customer-satisfying products required for the organization to survive and prosper.

Figure 1–2 also shows the key people, groups, and forces outside the organization that influence its marketing activities. The marketing department is responsible for facilitating relationships, partnerships, and alliances with the organization's customers, its shareholders (or often representatives of nonprofit organizations), its suppliers, and other organizations. Environmental forces involving social, economic, technological, competitive, and regulatory considerations also shape an organization's marketing actions. Finally, an organization's marketing decisions are affected by and, in turn, often have an important impact on society as a whole.

The organization must strike a balance among the sometimes differing interests of these groups. For example, it is not possible to simultaneously provide the lowest-priced and highest-quality products to customers and pay the highest prices to suppliers, the highest wages to employees, and the maximum dividends to shareholders.

What Is Needed for Marketing to Occur

For marketing to occur, at least four factors are required: (1) two or more parties (individuals or organizations) with unsatisfied needs, (2) a desire and ability on their part to



Marketing doesn't happen in a vacuum. The text describes the four factors needed to buy a product from Domino's and possibly have it delivered by its self-driving delivery robot, Nuro.

Source: Domino's IP Holder LLC

have their needs satisfied, (3) a way for the parties to communicate, and (4) something to exchange.

Two or More Parties with Unsatisfied Needs Suppose you've developed an unmet need—a desire for a late-night meal after studying for an exam—but you don't yet know that Domino's has a location in your area. Also unknown to you is that Domino's has a special "mix & match" offer for any two or more of its menu items, just waiting to be ordered and picked up or delivered by its self-driving delivery robot, Nuro. This is an example of two parties with unmet needs: you, desiring a meal, and your local Domino's owner, needing someone to place an order.

Desire and Ability to Satisfy These Needs Both you and the Domino's owner want to satisfy these unmet needs. Furthermore, you have the money to pay for a purchase and the time to place an order. The Domino's owner has the desire to

sell its products but also the ability to do so since the items are easily made and delivered to (or picked up by) you.

A Way for the Parties to Communicate The marketing transaction of purchasing a Domino's pizza or one of its other products will never occur unless you are aware the product exists and you know how to make a purchase (at a Domino's location, on Dominos.com, or via a store phone number). Similarly, Domino's won't be able to sell its products unless there's a market of potential buyers nearby. When you receive a coupon on your phone or drive by and see the Domino's store location, this communication barrier between you (the buyer) and the Domino's owner (the seller) is overcome.

Something to Exchange Marketing occurs when the transaction takes place and both the buyer and seller exchange something of value. In this case, you exchange your money (\$5.99) for each item ordered from Domino's Mix & Match menu. Both you and the Domino's owner have gained and also given up something, but you are both better off because each of you has satisfied the other's unmet needs. You have the opportunity to eat Domino's food items to satisfy your hunger, but you gave up some money to do so; the Domino's owner gave up the pizza, salad, and other items but received money, which will help the owner remain in business. The ethical and regulatory foundations of this exchange process are central to marketing and are discussed in Chapter 3.

LEARNING REVIEW

- **1-1.** What is marketing?
- **1-2.** Marketing focuses on _____ and ____ consumer needs.
- **1-3.** What four factors are needed for marketing to occur?

HOW MARKETING DISCOVERS AND SATISFIES CONSUMER NEEDS



Explain how marketing discovers and satisfies consumer needs.

The importance of discovering and satisfying consumer needs in order to develop and offer successful products is so critical to understanding marketing that we look at each of these two steps in detail next. Let's start by asking you to analyze the following three products.

Discovering Consumer Needs

The first objective in marketing is discovering the needs of prospective customers. Marketers often use customer surveys, concept tests, and other forms of marketing

For these three products, identify (1) what benefits the product provides buyers and (2) what factors or "showstoppers" might doom the product in the marketplace. Answers are discussed in the text.

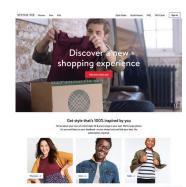
(Left) Source: Snap Inc.; (Center) ZUMA Press, Inc./ Alamy Stock Photo; (Right) Source: Stitch Fix, Inc.







No-sugar sodas.



A clothing subscription service

research (discussed in detail in Chapter 8) to better understand customer ideas. Many firms also use "crowdsourcing" or "innovation tournaments" to solicit and evaluate ideas from customers. At LEGO Group, for example, ideas that are submitted to LEGO Ideas (ideas.lego.com) and receive 10,000 votes from site visitors are considered for possible addition to the product line. LEGO Group products that were discovered through the website include its *Big Bang Theory* model, its Women of NASA set, its Central Perk coffee shop model (the coffee shop featured in the *Friends* TV show), and a model based on the Winnie-the-Pooh franchise! Sometimes, however, customers may not know or be able to describe what they need and want. Smartphones, connected homes, and electric cars are all examples of this, in which case an accurate long-term prediction of consumer needs is essential.⁹

The Challenge: Meeting Consumer Needs with New Products

While marketers are improving the ways they can generate new-product ideas, experts estimate that it takes 3,000 raw ideas to generate one commercial success. Market intelligence agency Mintel estimates that 38,000 new products are introduced worldwide each month. In addition, studies of new-product launches indicate that about 40 percent of the products fail. Robert M. McMath, who has studied more than 110,000 new-product launches, has two key suggestions: (1) focus on what the customer benefit is, and (2) learn from past mistakes. ¹⁰

The solution to preventing product failures seems deceptively obvious. First, find out what consumers need and want. Second, produce what they need and want, and don't produce what they don't need and want. The three products shown previously illustrate just how difficult it is to achieve new-product success, a topic covered in more detail in Chapter 10.

Without reading further, think about the potential benefits to customers and possible "showstoppers"—factors that might doom the product—for each of the three products pictured. Some of the products may come out of your past, and others may be on your horizon. Here's a quick analysis of the three products:

• Smart Glasses. Several years ago Google launched a brand of smart glasses called Google Glass. The new product was head-mounted and similar in appearance to a pair of glasses. In addition, though, the glasses had Internet capabilities, a camera, phone, speaker, microphone, touchpad, and a heads-up display. While the product was popular among technology enthusiasts it did not attract a mass market. Showstoppers included its \$1,500 price tag, a general perception that it looked "nerdy," and concerns that wearing the device might violate privacy





- rights. Google discontinued the product, although it has recently reintroduced the concept as an Enterprise Edition for businesses, and other brands such as Spectacles, Focals and Vuzix are offering models that are trying to attract the consumer market!¹¹
- Zevia No-Sugar Soda. As consumer preferences have shifted, beverage companies have expanded their offerings to include drinks with less sugar. Soda producers, for example, have offered new products such as Coca-Cola Zero Sugar and Pepsi Zero Sugar which are made with the artificial sweetener aspartame. New products are also being developed as the U.S. Food & Drug Administration's Nutrition Facts label requirements provide more information about added sugars. Zevia, for example, produces a zero-calorie, sugar-free, gluten-free, vegan, soft drink that is sweetened only with the natural ingredient stevia. A potential show-stopper: In the past, consumers reported that products with stevia sweetener had a bitter aftertaste. Will Zevia be different? As always, as a consumer you will be the judge!¹²
- Stitch Fix Subscription. Approximately 5 million consumers buy brands through subscription services today. Stitch Fix hopes to appeal to customers with an array of clothing and accessories from top brands and private labels. Each delivery, or Fix, uses expert stylists and clothing fit technology to build your personalized wardrobe. The service is available in two-week, or one-, two-, or three-month options and allows consumers to specify their price preferences. What are potential showstoppers? First, the competition is growing—there are already 400–600 subscription box services in the United States. Second, consumers may tire of receiving new products each month, particularly if they find several brands that meet their needs.¹³

Firms spend billions of dollars annually on marketing and technical research that significantly reduces, but doesn't eliminate, new-product failure. So meeting the changing needs of consumers is a continuing challenge for firms around the world.

Consumer Needs and Consumer Wants Should marketing try to satisfy consumer needs or consumer wants? Marketing tries to do both. Heated debates rage over this question, fueled by the definitions of needs and wants and the amount of freedom given to prospective customers to make their own buying decisions.

A *need* occurs when a person feels deprived of basic necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter. A *want* is a need that is shaped by a person's knowledge, culture, and personality. So if you feel hungry, you have developed a basic need and desire to eat something. Let's say you then want to eat a Chocolate Chip or Peanut Butter Banana Clif Bar because, based on your past experience, you know it will satisfy your hunger need. Effective marketing, in the form of creating an awareness of good products at fair prices and convenient locations, can clearly shape a person's wants.

Certainly, marketing tries to influence what we buy. A question then arises: At what point do we want government and society to step in to protect consumers? Most consumers would say they want government to protect them from harmful drugs and unsafe cars but not from candy bars and soft drinks. To protect college students, should government restrict their use of credit cards?¹⁴ Such questions have no clear-cut answers, which is why legal and ethical issues are central to marketing. Because even psychologists and economists still debate the exact meanings of *need* and *want*, we shall use the terms interchangeably throughout the book.

As shown on the left side of Figure 1-3 on the next page, discovering needs involves looking carefully at prospective customers, whether they are children buying M&M's candy, college students buying Chobani Greek Yogurt, athletes buying Bombas socks, or firms buying Xerox color copiers. A principal activity of a firm's marketing department is to scrutinize its consumers to understand what they need and want and the forces that shape those needs and wants.



Studying late at night for an exam and being hungry, you decide to eat a Chocolate Chip or Peanut Butter Banana Clif Bar. Is this a need or a want? The text discusses the role of marketing in influencing decisions like this one.

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