[**Externalities**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC5R9WPId0s)

**Negative Externalities**

**Social Costs**

(Total costs to society of an economic activity)

**External Costs**

(Spill-over costs to third parties)

**Private Costs**

(these are the costs to individual consumers or firms of an economy activity)

**Task 1: Can you identify the private and external costs associated with the following?**

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| **Economic Activity/Incident** | **Private Costs** | **External Costs** |
| Binge drinking of alcohol (consumption)1.jpg | * The price of alcohol that the consumer pays
* The negative health effects of heavy binge drinking e.g. liver disease
* Lost income due to ill health which results in long-term absence
* Breakdown of personal relationships as a result of the financial expense, ill-health and ‘unsocial’ nature of binge drinkers
 | * The latest [figures](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/9083671/Health-minister-binge-drinking-costs-NHS-2.7bn-a-year.html) indicate that binge drinking costs the NHS £2.7bn a year; (note: the NHS is funded by the general taxpayer through NIC)
* Increased policing is required to manage and control the negative effects of binge drinking
* Those individuals who are intoxicated tend to be unsocial, causing noise, violence and general crime
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| Driving (consumption)1.jpg |  |  |
| The mining and production of crude oil by companies such as British Petroleum (BP) (production)1.jpg |  |  |
| Your own idea |  |  |

**Positive Externalities**

**Private Benefits**

(these are the benefits to individual consumers or firms of an economy activity)

**Social Benefits**

(Total benefits to society of an economic activity)

**External Benefits**

(Spill-over benefits to third parties)

Task 2: Can you identify the private and external benefits associated with the following?

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| **Economic Activity** | **Private Benefits** | **External Benefits** |
| Further Education (consumption)http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSFjwqdXZkQA6MVXuqfyq0CSdPlO4RXfsODMwoaSuOgmXiuMh4V1g |  |  |
| Healthy Living/Eating (consumption)http://t1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSi8mretUtJE4DA5PC2IijoBgGpLt_4fRoR51itLHA4qMthpqlZ |  |  |
| Product research/development (production)http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSj3tRAIV4vnNzJNQgwd98X1Z12TVSP0y8EDblbYDXLRr4E5AjY9g |  |  |
| Your own idea |  |  |