

Changes In Income

The infallible guaranteed test to tell whether a good is superior or inferior:

•If a rise in income increases demand, it is superior

•If a rise in income decreases demand, it is inferior

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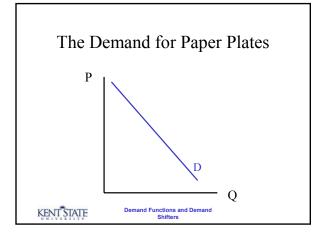
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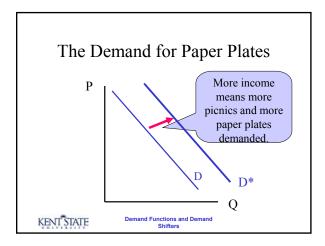
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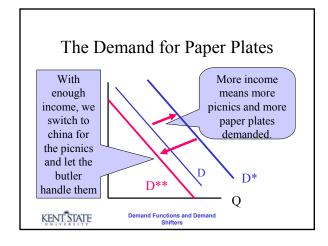
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- Are paper plates an inferior good? Read on.

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- Goods can be superior and then, as income rises enough, become inferior again.



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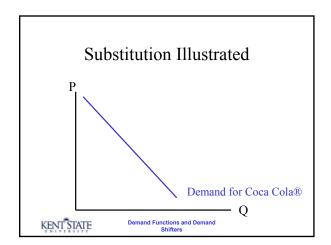
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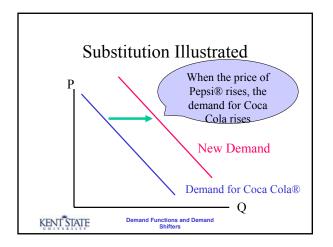
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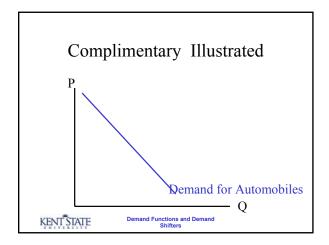
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- A rise in the price of a *complement* shifts the demand function to the left.

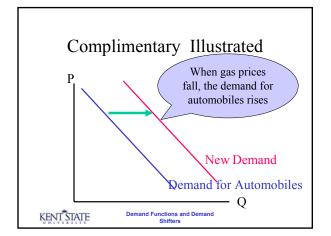


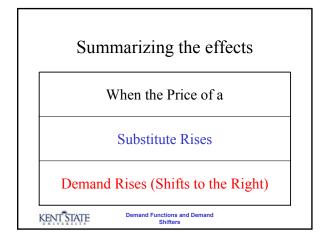
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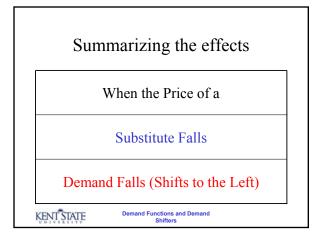


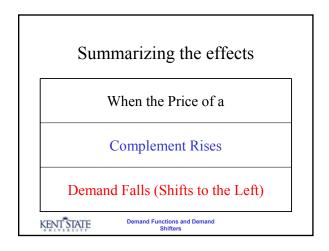












## Summarizing the effects

When the Price of a

Complement Falls

Demand Rises (Shifts to the Right)

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- When the price of a good changes, there is a movement along the demand function. There is no change in demand.
- When the price of a substitute or complement changes, there *is* a change in demand.



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# Complement or Substitute?

When an increase in the price of another good causes

Demand to Fall

You have a Complement



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# Complement or Substitute?

When an increase in the price of another good causes

Demand to Rise

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# Complement or Substitute?

When an decrease in the price of another good causes

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