UNIT 6: CHAPTER 19

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CATEGORIES OF INDUSTRY

LEARNING OUTCOMES FROM THIS CHAPTER

On completion, you should be able to:

- Explain how the factors of production contribute to the production process
- Show an understanding of the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors
- Illustrate different types of businesses that are involved in different categories of industry
- Discuss the importance of different categories of industry
- Outline recent trends in different categories of industry
- Explain the challenges facing different categories of industry

FACTORS OF PRODUCTION

Land	Raw materials used to produce goods and services, taken from natural resources (e.g. wind, water, land, air, climate, animals)	
Labour	All human effort that goes in to producing goods and services	
Capital	Anything man-made that is used to produce goods and services (e.g. machines, computers, equipment, stock, money)	A THINK
Enterprise	Uses initiative to take on a risk and combine the other factors of production to produce a good or service and make a profit	A MAN

CATEGORIES OF INDUSTRY: PRIMARY

	Definition	Based on the natural resources of a country (e.g. agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, energy)
	Importance	 Provides premium produce to be used in the secondary sector Can provide alternative energy sources (e.g. solar, wind) as alternative to importing oil, gas and petrol
	Trends	 Investment in solar/wind energy Growth in veganism may impact demand for Irish beef/chicken Large retailers putting pressure on farmers to lower beef prices Over-reliance on direct payments in lots of areas

CATEGORIES OF INDUSTRY: SECONDARY

Definition	Takes raw materials from the primary sector, processes these raw materials and produces finished goods to sell
Importance	 Direct employment (e.g. factory workers, architects, builders, managers) and indirect employment or 'spin-off' jobs (e.g. farmers, insurance companies, banks) Ireland exports lots of pharmaceutical and food products and raw materials (e.g. whey powder)
Trends	 Growth of Irish PLCs (e.g. Glanbia, Kerry Group) in the agri-food sector Recovery of construction sector since the global recession Large presence of pharma firms (e.g. Pfizer, Amgen, Johnson & Johnson) Growth of automation, increased production levels

CATEGORIES OF INDUSTRY: TERTIARY

Definition	Provides services to business and the public, rather than producing goods/services for sale
Importance	Provides support services so other businesses can operate (e.g. insurance, banking, couriers, hospitality, transport)
Trends	 Poor/limited broadband in rural areas Expensive commercial rates Brexit uncertainty Higher wage demands Online sales negatively impacting retail stores More discount retailers (e.g. Aldi, Lidl, TK Maxx)
	 Increased automation (e.g. banking machines, self-checkouts)