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Learning Objectives

All will be able to explain what is and the purpose of market research.

Even better if we can describe; qualitative and quantitative data, primary and secondary research.

Excellent if we can explain the advantages and disadvantages of primary and secondary research.

Market Research

Gathers information about customers, distributors, competitors within the firms target market.

It can help to identify customers buying habits, attitudes, current and future products.

Market research can be gathered in qualitative or quantitative formats.

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Market Research

Why do businesses gather market research?

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- To identify if there is a gap in the market
- To identify if there is a desire for the product and reduce the risk of launching a new product
- To gather information about the target market
- To identify the; market size, market share, dynamics and forecast.

Supermarket Industry

- Size Sales in 2012 were £163.2bn
- Shares Hypermarkets and superstores £72.3bn in total. Tesco 30.6%, Asda 17.6%, Sainsbury's 16.6%, Morrisons 11.9%, Iceland 2.0%
- Dynamics Sales have been steadily increasing since 2002, from 2007 - 2012 £133.6bn - £163.2bn
- Forecast UK grocery market in 2017 will be worth £192.6bn a 18% increase from 2012.

Qualitative Market Research

Qualitative research is where the data collected aims to find out why people have an interest in a product or service and how they feel about it.

Qualitative market research can be carried out by; group discussion, formal in-depth interviews and questionnaires.

Example questions:

- Why do people buy Apple products?
- What mood makes you want to eat chocolate?