

# SmartEconomics



FREE DIGITAL LESSONS

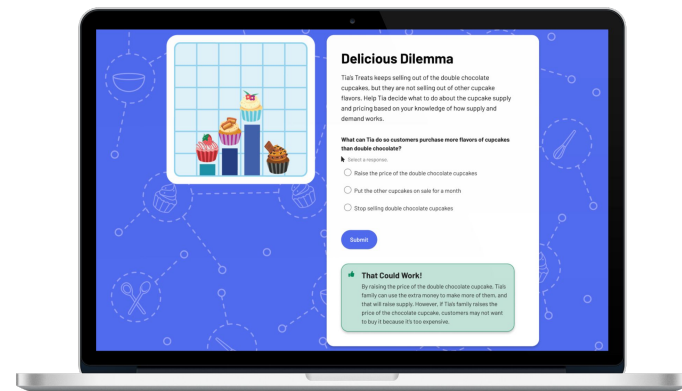
## Economic Concepts for Your Students

Economics is a critical component of a well-rounded education. With a strong foundation in economics, students not only gain strong analytical and problem-solving skills, but a deeper understanding of the world around them.<sup>1</sup> This awareness is instrumental in students' growth as informed citizens ready to participate in the global economy.

**SmartEconomics: Economics for Middle School**, a MassMutual Foundation program, is a digital course that empowers middle school students to analyze the economy and identify factors that impact the price of consumer goods. Through a story-based narrative and interactive exercises, students learn to make real-life decisions that require the understanding of key economic concepts.

### THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- The self-guided, interactive lessons help students develop simple, actionable strategies.
- Real-world scenarios prime students for long-term behavioral change using problem-solving and self-reflection activities.
- Detailed score reports and offline extension activities help teachers maximize their impact across all students.



SmartEconomics: Economics for Middle School

**Grade Level:** 6th-8th

**Total Lessons:** 3 digital lessons (approximately 8-10 minutes each) with optional accompanying offline resources available

**Curriculum Fit:** Economics, Business or Social Studies, Career Readiness

**Standards Alignment:** Jump\$tart National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, National Standards for Social Studies, State Academic Standards

PRE-SURVEY

LESSON 1

Your Role in the Economy

LESSON 2

Government and the Economy

LESSON 3

Buying and Selling

POST-SURVEY

EACH LESSON HAS A PRE- AND POST-ASSESSMENT WITH REAL-TIME SCORE REPORTING

“ I love how the programs are set up, how students can pace themselves, and how each lesson ends with a test so students can get immediate feedback. I think all the different courses are giving students a clear picture into the future so that they may take these skills and use them in their future.

– Middle School Teacher, Arizona

## LESSON SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

### 1. Your Role in the Economy

- Explore the role of consumers in the economy
- Name factors that lead to a good job market
- Discover how a market economy works

### 2. Government and the Economy

- Explore the role of GDP in the economy
- Identify the role of government in the economy
- Discover the impact of inflation

### 3. Buying and Selling

- Discover how trade works
- Explore both domestic and international trade and how it affects the larger economy
- Identify economic benefits of trade

## EXTENSION OPPORTUNITIES

Supplemental offline activities, videos, facilitator guide and lesson plans can be accessed on the teacher dashboard.

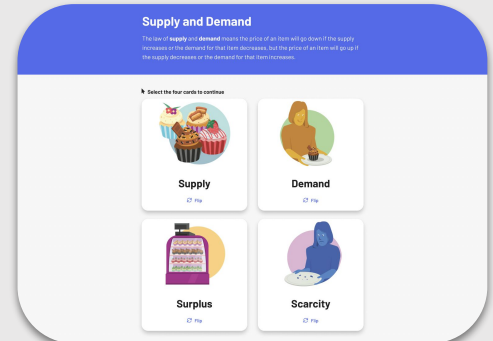
Additional financial education resources are available for students, educators, and families at:

[FUTURES.MART.MASSMUTUAL.COM](http://FUTURES.MART.MASSMUTUAL.COM)

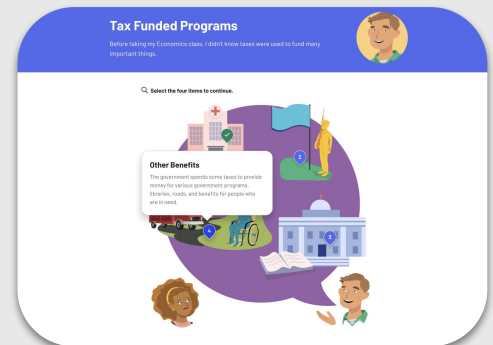


## LESSON ACTIVITIES:

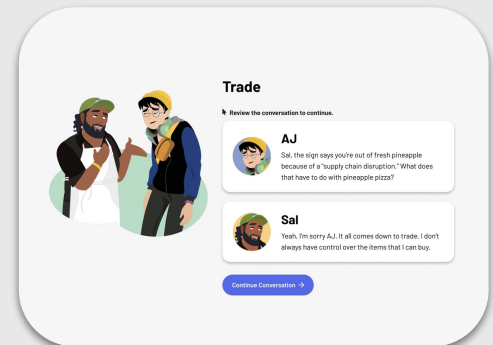
### Supply & Demand



### Taxes



### Trade



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