

Activity 1: True or False – Types of production

The table below gives statements about the different production processes. Tick one box next to each statement to indicate if the statement is true or false.

Statement	True	False
Modern business do not use job production.		
Goods produced by flow production are usually made to suit the needs of individual consumers.		
Flow production is suited to the manufacture of up-market sports cars.		
It is cheap to set up a flow manufacturing process.		
Flow production is suited to large scale production.		
Job production does not require skilled labour.		
Working in a batch production process can be repetitive and boring.		
Flow production does not require a workforce.		
Flow production workers are usually highly skilled.		
Job production workers are often highly skilled.		
Goods produced by job production are usually high quality.		
Many dangerous processes are best carried out by automated machinery.		
Supermarket in-store bakeries use the batch production method.		
All businesses will try to introduce flow production.		
Job production enables products to be made to suit the needs of individual customers.		

Activity 2: Missing terms

Use the words below to help you fill in the gaps in the following paragraph.

- advantages and disadvantages
- volume of production
- disadvantages
- process of production
- another type
- batch
- product
- technology

There are several different types of production process – job, and flow. Each will usually be appropriate for a particular There are for each type of production but it does not necessarily follow that the of one type of production can be overcome by changing to of production. Much will depend on the being produced, theand the ease with which can be introduced in to the production process.

Activity 3: Explanation -Types of production

a) For each of the production activities in the table below recommend one appropriate method of production from the following list:

- job
- batch
- flow

b) Give reasons for your recommendations.

c) Explain the problems that the business may face as a result of using the method or methods of production you have recommend.

Production Activity	Method of production	Reason for recommendation	Possible problems
A specialist tailor makes made-to-measure suits.			
A specialist sports car manufacturer produces cars to order.			
A multinational car company producing Flow The car company needs to make large. The cars are of a standardised design and large numbers of cars in the UK for export to the rest of Europe			
A local bakery producing a range of bread and cakes for distribution to shops within a 20-mile radius of the bakery.			
An office furniture manufacturer produces solid wood office furniture to order.			
A sugar refinery produces hundreds of tons of sugar each day.			
A business produces thousands of bottles of beer each day. The bottles need to be washed, filled, capped and labelled.			
A small company produces three different models of caravan. Each model requires a different steel frame. Some of the components the company makes are used in each of the three types of caravan.			