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8. The stock of physical capital has been falling for nearly a year.

# Aggregate Demand Answer Key

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* 1. Business owners are less optimistic about the health of the economy. *AD shifts left; investment spending decreases*

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* 1. The government decreases welfare and veteran’s benefits. *AD shifts left; decrease in disposable income and therefore consumer spending*

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* 1. The Federal Reserve increases interest rates. *AD shifts left; decrease in investment and interest sensitive consumer spending*

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* 1. A rising price level decreases the value of money held for purchases. *There is a movement down the AD curve as consumer purchasing power erodes*

AD

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* 1. The government lowers personal income taxes. *AD shifts right. Lower taxes implies higher disposable income so consumer spending rises and AD shifts right*

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* 1. Consumers expect the job market to be much stronger in the next few months. *AD shifts right; expectations about future employment increase investment and consumer spending*

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* 1. The stock market has reached new records high levels of value. *AD shifts right; consumer wealth increases causing more consumer spending*

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* 1. The stock of physical capital has been falling for nearly a year. *AD shifts right; investment will increase to replace the failing stock of capital.*

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