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#### **BRIEF CHAPTER OUTLINE**

What is a Marketing Strategy?
The Marketing Plan
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Chapter Case Study: The Netflix Rollercoaster

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- LO1. Define a marketing strategy.
- LO2. Describe the elements of a marketing plan.
- LO3. Analyze a marketing situation using SWOT analyses.
- LO4. Describe how a firm chooses which consumer group(s) to pursue with its marketing efforts.
- LO5. Outline the implementation of the marketing mix as a means to increase customer value.
- LO6. Summarize portfolio analysis and its use to evaluate marketing performance.
- LO7. Describe how firms grow their business

# **CHAPTER OVERVIEW ("SUMMING UP")**

#### Define a marketing strategy.

A marketing strategy identifies (1) a firm's target markets(s), (2) a related marketing mix—the four Ps—and (3) the bases upon which the firm plans to build a sustainable competitive advantage. Firms use four macrostrategies to build their sustainable competitive advantage. Customer excellence focuses on retaining loyal customers and excellent customer service. Operational excellence is achieved through efficient operations and excellent supply chain and human resource management. Product excellence entails having products with high perceived value and effective branding and positioning. Finally, locational excellence entails having a good physical location and Internet presence.

## Describe the elements of a marketing plan.

A marketing plan is composed of an analysis of the current marketing situation, its objectives, the firm's strategy for the four Ps, an analysis of opportunities and threats, and appropriate financial statements. A marketing plan represents the output of a three-phase process: planning, implementation, and control. The planning phase requires that managers define the firm's mission and vision and assess the firm's current situation. It helps answer the questions, "What business are we in now, and what do we intend to be in the future?" In the second phase, implementation, the firm specifies, in more operational terms, how it plans to implement its mission and vision. Specifically, to which customer groups does it wish to direct its marketing efforts, and how does it use its marketing mix to provide good value? Finally, in the control phase, the firm must evaluate its performance using appropriate metrics to determine what worked, what didn't, and how performance can be improved in the future.

#### Analyze a marketing situation using SWOT analysis.

Recall that SWOT stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. A SWOT analysis occurs during the second step in the strategic planning process, the situation analysis. By analyzing what the firm is good at (its strengths), where it could improve (its weaknesses), where in the marketplace it might excel (its opportunities), and what is happening in the marketplace that could harm the firm (its threats), managers can assess their firm's situation accurately and plan its strategy accordingly.

# Describe how a firm chooses which consumer group(s) to pursue with its marketing efforts.

Once a firm identifies different marketing opportunities, it must determine which opportunities are the best to pursue. To accomplish this task, marketers go through a segmentation, targeting, and positioning (STP) process. Firms segment various markets by dividing the total market into those groups of customers with different needs, wants, or characteristics who therefore might appreciate products or services geared especially

toward them. After identifying the different segments, the firm goes after, or targets, certain groups on the basis of the firm's perceived ability to satisfy the needs of those groups better than competitors and profitably. To complete the STP process, firms position their products or services according to the marketing mix variables so that target customers have a clear, distinctive, and desirable understanding of what the product or service does or represents relative to competing products or services.

# Outline the implementation of the marketing mix as a means to increase customer value.

The marketing mix consists of the four Ps - product, price, promotion, and place - and each P contributes to customer value. To provide value, the firm must offer a mix of products and services at prices their target markets will view as indicating good value. Thus, firms make trade-offs between the first two Ps, product and price, to give customers the best value. The third P, promotion, informs customers and helps them form a positive image about the firm and its products and services. The last P, place, adds value by getting the appropriate products and services to customers when they want them and in the quantities they need.

# Summarize portfolio analysis and its use to evaluate marketing performance.

Portfolio analysis is a management tool used to evaluate the firm's various products and businesses—its "portfolio"—and allocates resources according to which products are expected to be the most profitable for the firm in the future. A popular portfolio analysis tool, developed by the Boston Consulting Group classifies all products into four categories. The first, stars, are in high growth markets and have high market shares. The second, cash cows, are in low-growth markets, but have high market share. These products generate excess resources that can be spun off to products that need it. The third category, question marks, is in high-growth markets, but has relatively low market shares. These products often utilize the excess resources generated by the cash cows. The final category, dogs, are in low-growth markets and have relatively low market shares. These products are often phased out.

#### Describe how firms grow their business.

Firms use four basic growth strategies: market penetration, market development, product development, and diversification. A market penetration strategy directs the firm's efforts toward existing customers and uses the present marketing mix. In other words, it attempts to get current customers to buy more. In a market development strategy, the firm uses its current marketing mix to appeal to new market segments, as might occur in international expansion. A product development growth strategy involves offering a new product or service to the firm's current target market. Finally, a diversification strategy takes place when a firm introduces a new product or service to a new customer segment. Sometimes a diversification strategy relates to the firm's current business, such as when a women's

clothing manufacturer starts making and selling men's clothes, but a more risky strategy is when a firm diversifies into a completely unrelated business.

#### EXTENDED CHAPTER OUTLINE WITH TEACHING TIPS

#### I. WHAT IS A MARKETING STRATEGY?

- A. A marketing strategy identifies (1) a firm's target market(s), (2) a related marketing mix—their four Ps—and (3) the bases upon which the firm plans to build a sustainable competitive advantage.
- B. Sustainable competitive advantage (PPT slide 2-4)
- C. Customer excellence (PPT slide 2-5)
  - 1. Retaining Loyal Customers
  - 2. Customer Service
- D. Operational excellence (PPT slide 2-6)
  - 1. Efficient Operation
  - 2. Excellent Supply Chain Management and Strong Supplier Relations
  - 3. Human Resource Management
- E. Product Excellence (PPT slide 2-8)
- F. Locational Excellence (PPT slide 2-9)
- G. Multiple Sources of Advantage

*Check Yourself:* Several questions are offered for students to check their understanding of core concepts. (PPT slide 2-11)

- ♦ What are the various components of a marketing strategy?

  Answer: A marketing strategy includes a firm's target market(s), a related marketing mix, and the bases upon which the firm plans to build a sustainable competitive advantage.
- ♦ List the four macro strategies that can help a firm develop a sustainable competitive advantage.
  - Answer: The four microstrategies that can help a firm develop a sustainable competitive advantage include customer excellence, operational excellence, product excellence, and locational excellence.

# II. THE MARKETING PLAN (PPT slide 2-12)

- A. Step 1: Define the business mission. (PPT slide 2-14)
  - 1. Mission statement
- B. Step 2. Conduct a situation analysis using SWOT. (PPT slide 2-16)
- C. Step 3: Identify and evaluate opportunities using STP (segmentation, targeting, and positioning). (PPT slide 2-17, 18)
  - 1. Segmentation
  - 2. Targeting
  - 3. Positioning
- D. Step 4: Implement the marketing mix and allocate resources. (PPT slide 2-20)
  - 1. Product and Value Creation (PPT slide 2-21)
  - 2. Price and Value Capture (PPT slide 2-22)
  - 3. Place and Value Delivery ((PPT slide 2-23)
  - 4. Promotion and Value Communication (PPT slide 2-24)
- E. Step 5: Evaluate performance using marketing metrics. (PPT slide 2-25)
  - 1. Who is Accountable for Performance?
  - 2. Performance Objectives and Metrics
  - 3. Financial Performance Metrics
  - 4. Portfolio Analysis
- F. Strategic planning is not sequential.

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- ♦ What are the five steps in creating a marketing plan?

  Answer: The five steps in creating a marketing plan are defining a business mission and objectives, evaluating a situation analysis, identifying opportunities, implementing a marketing mix, and evaluating performance using marketing matrix.
- ♦ What tool helps a marketer conduct a situation analysis?

  Answer: A SWOT analysis helps a marketer conduct a situation analysis.
- ♦ What is STP? Answer: STP is Segmentation, Targeting, and Positioning.

♦ What do the four quadrants of the portfolio analysis represent?? Answer: Stars, Cash Cows, Question Marks, Dogs.

# **III.GROWTH STRATEGIES (PPT slide 2-28)**

- A. Market penetration (PPT slide 2-29)
- B. Market development and the case for global expansion (PPT slide 2-30)
- C. Product Development (PPT slide 2-31)
- D. Diversification (PPT slide 2-33)

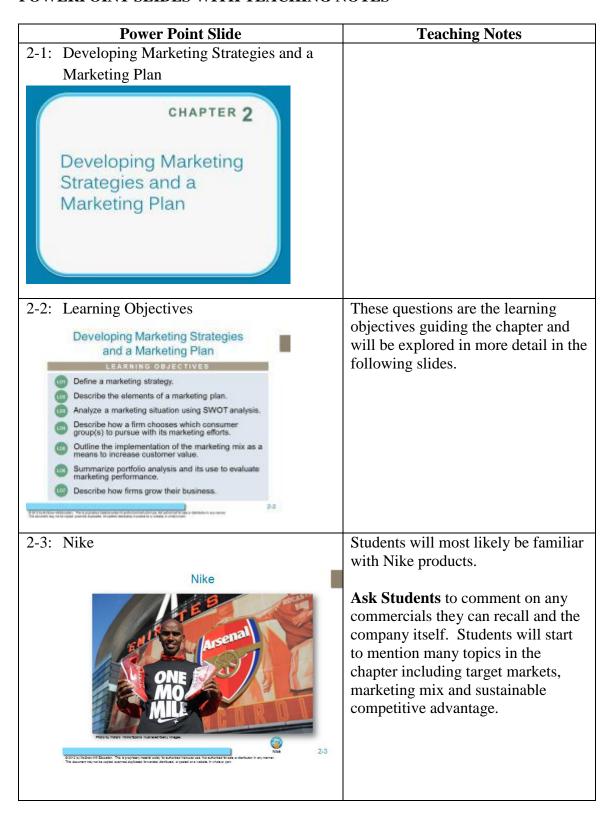
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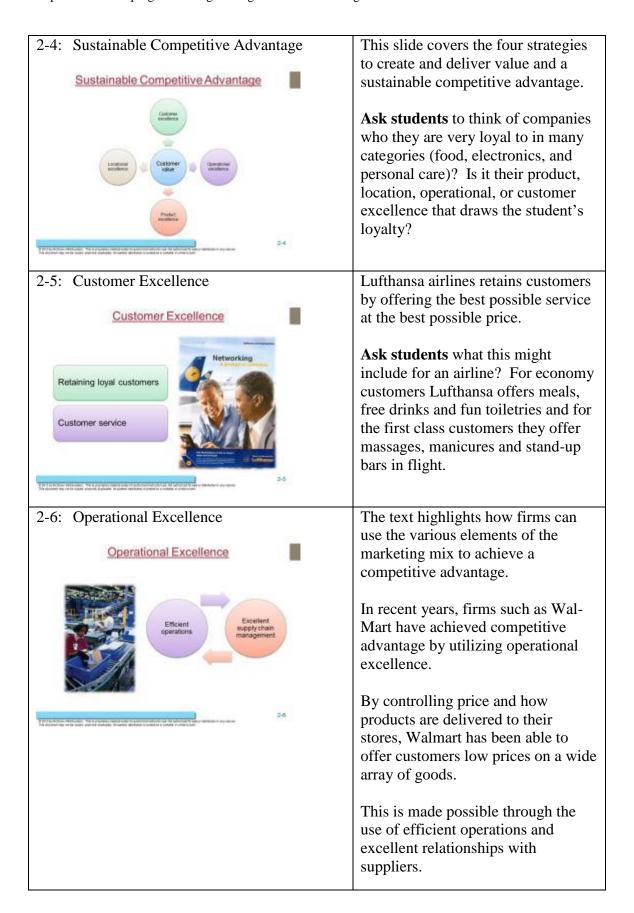
- What are the four growth strategies?
   Answer: They are market penetration strategy, market development strategy, product development strategy, and diversification strategy.
- ♦ What type of strategy is growing the business from existing customers?

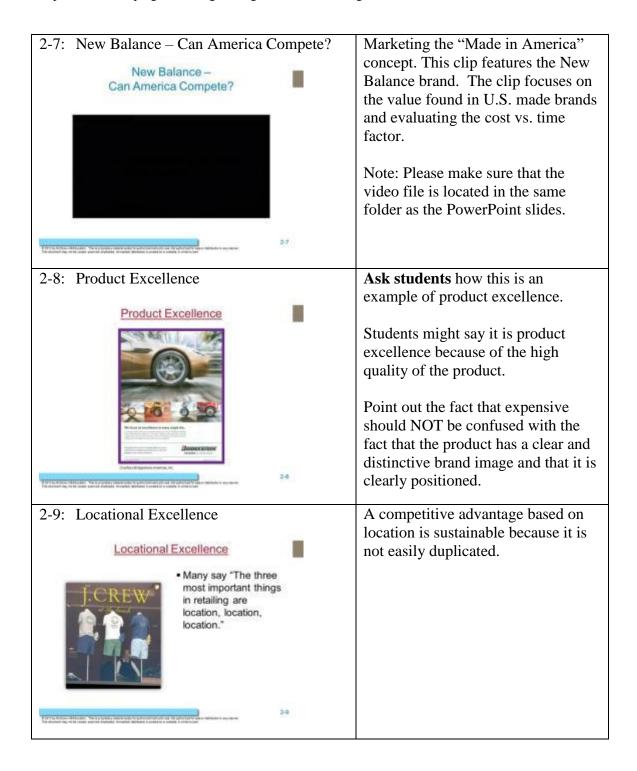
  Answer: The type of strategy that grows a business from existing customers is market penetration strategy.
- ♦ Which strategy is the riskiest?

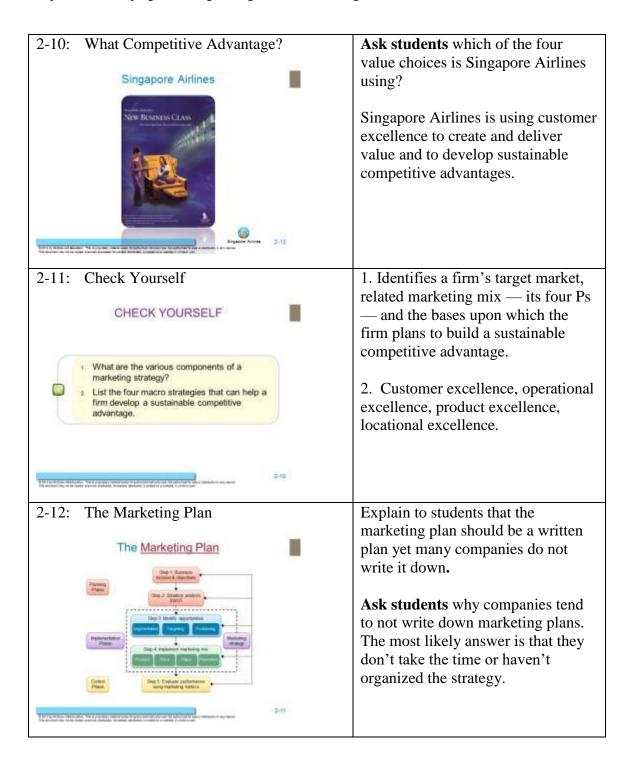
  Answer: The diversification strategy is the riskiest, because unrelated diversifications do not capitalize on either core strengths associated with markets or with products.

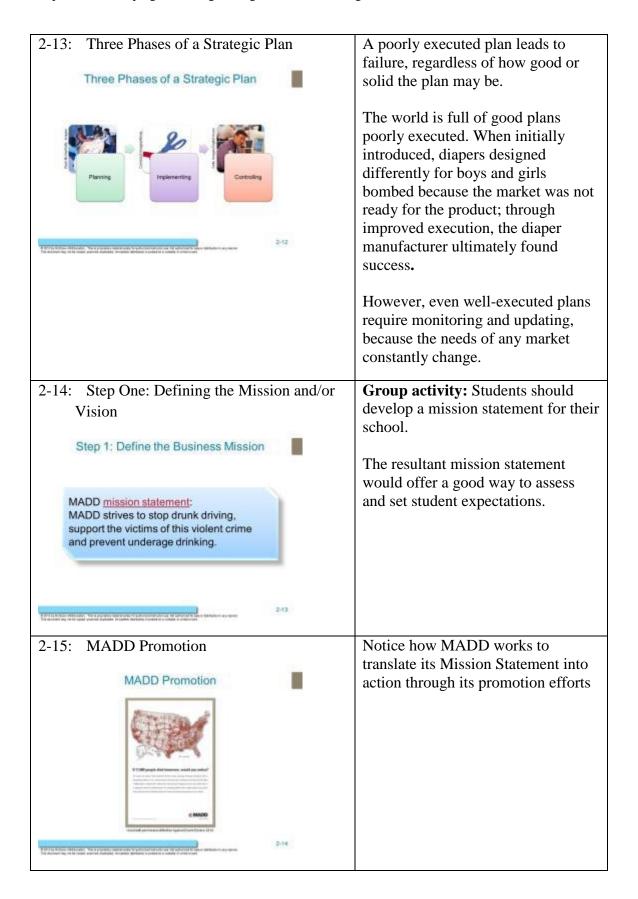
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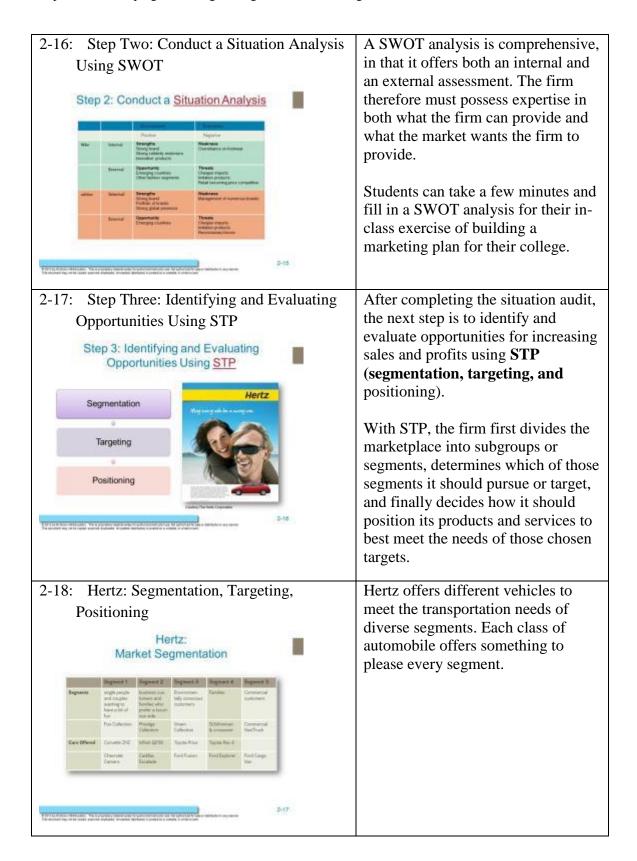


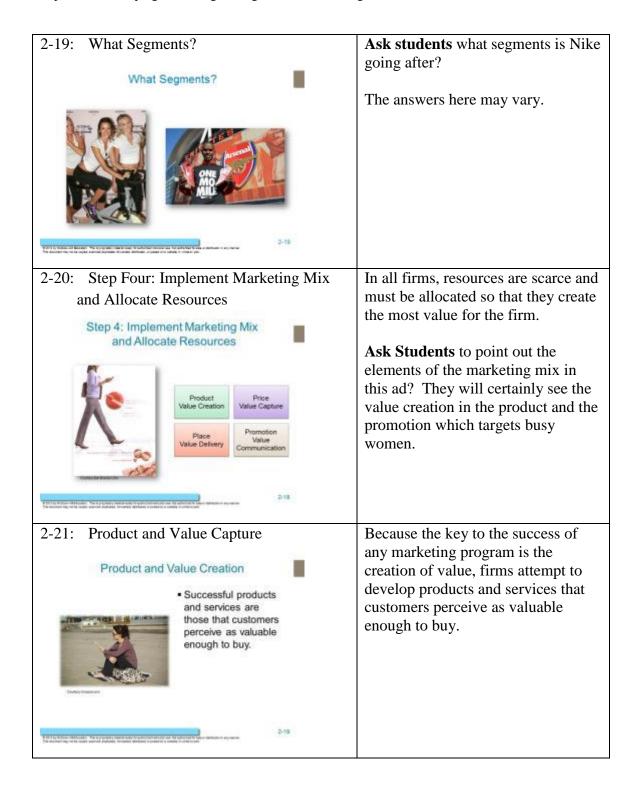


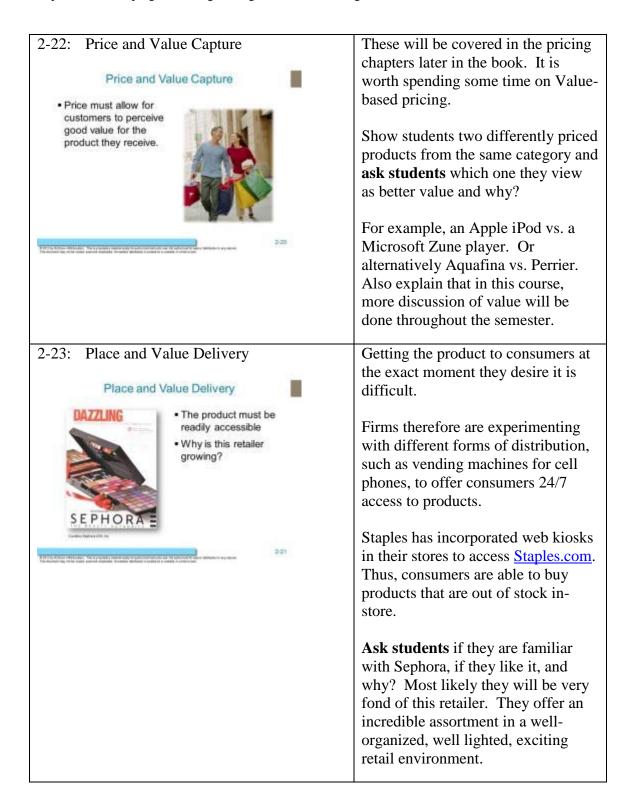


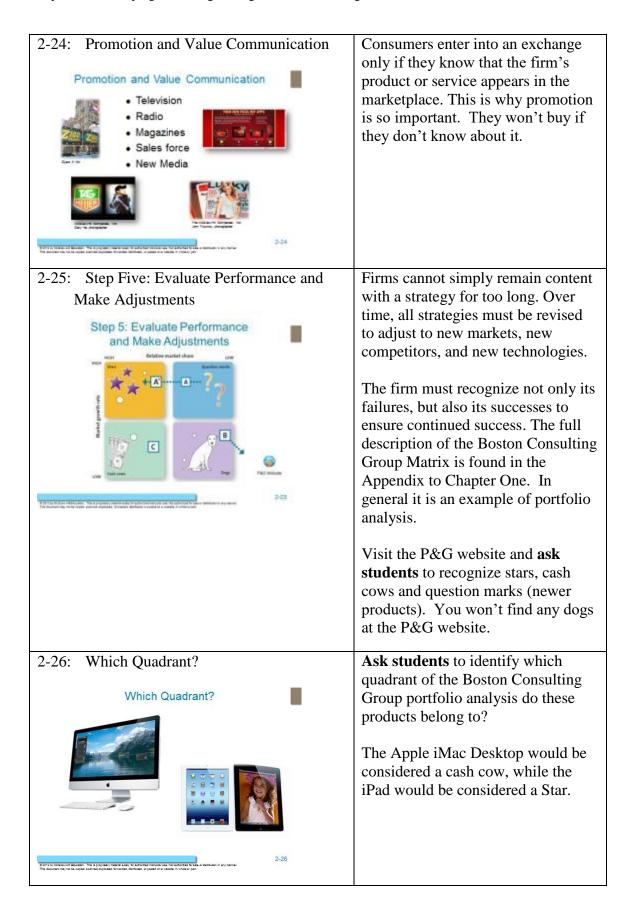


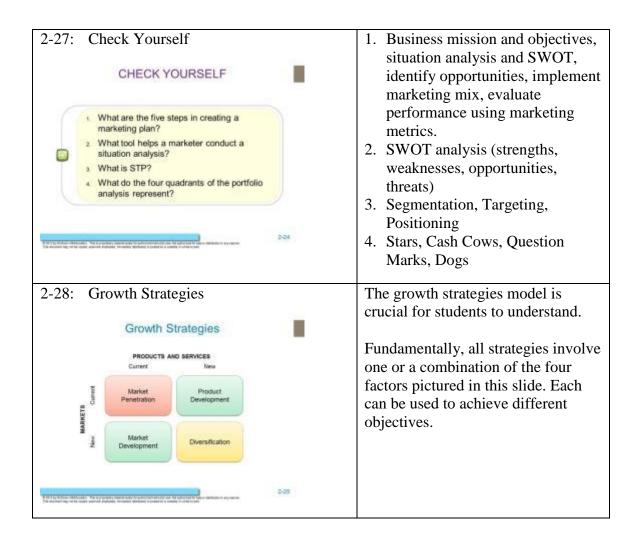


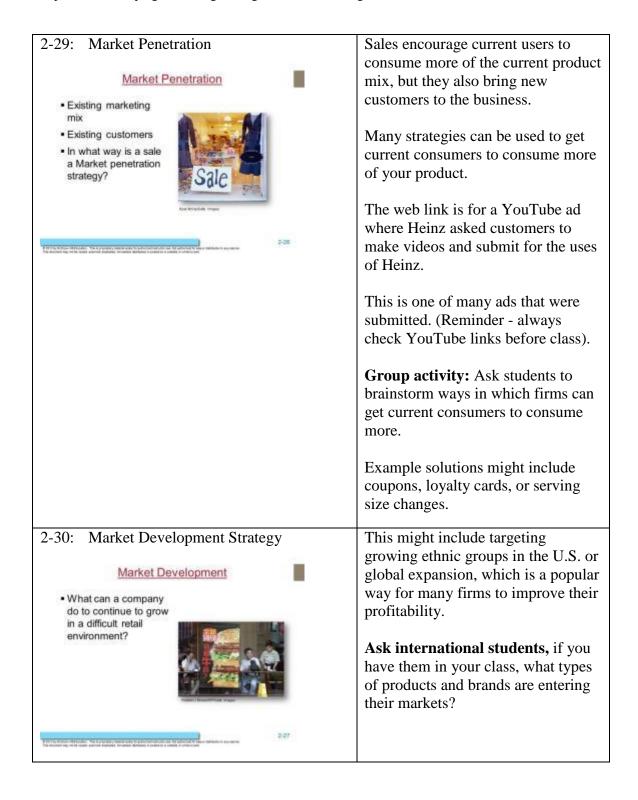


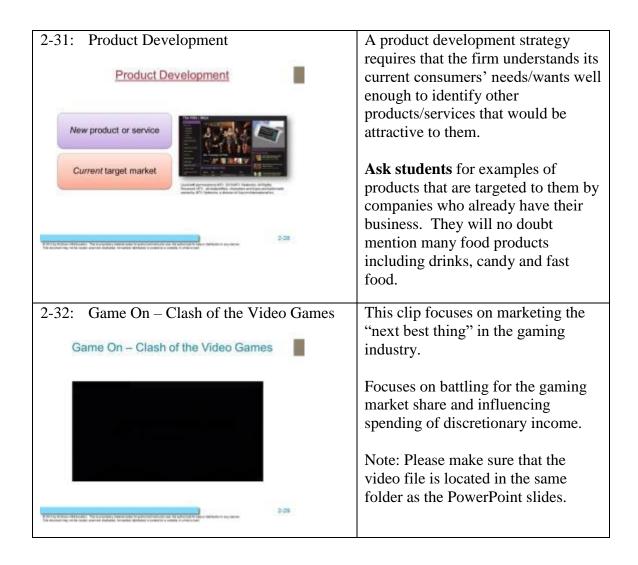


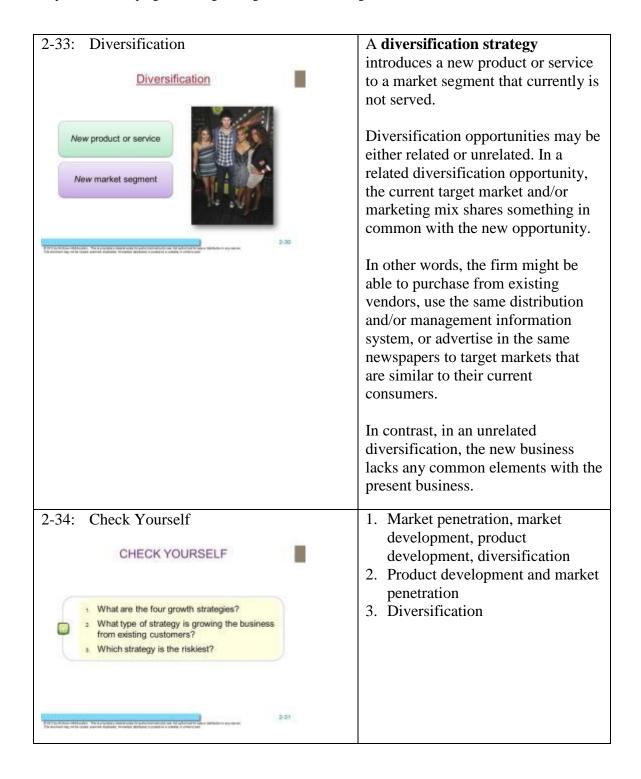












#### ANSWERS TO END OF CHAPTER LEARNING AIDS

# **Marketing Applications**

1. How have Nike and adidas created sustainable competitive advantages for themselves?

Nike and adidas have created sustainable competitive advantages for themselves by building brand awareness through strategic sponsorships, unique advertising campaigns, and efficient operations.

2. Perform a SWOT analysis for the company that made your favorite shoes.

Students' answers will vary. Each answer should include strengths and weaknesses that are internal to the shoe manufacturer and opportunities and threats that are external to the manufacturer. Strengths for shoes might include: brand reputation, technology, fit. Weaknesses might include: lack of innovation, poor promotions, etc. Opportunities might revolve around new markets, global expansion, and trends in footwear. Threats might come from competitors, the economy, etc.

3. How does adidas segment its market? Describe the primary target markets for adidas. How does it position its various offerings so that it appeals to these different target markets?

adidas segments its markets based on product type and strategic business unit (SBU). For example, adidas is divided into multiple SBU's including: soccer, running, basketball, and tennis. Within each of these SBU's is a primary target market. The primary target market will consist of heavy, recreational users of the product category. adidas positions its products within each of its SBU's to compete on price, but adidas also positions itself as a performance brand. For example, in the soccer market, adidas's primary target market might be recreational users. For this group, adidas will offer a moderately priced, highly functional shoe. adidas also sells soccer shoes to professional soccer players. For this market, adidas might offer shoes that are more expensive, yet they are custom made and geared towards enhancing performance.

4. How does Hertz add value for business customers through the implementation of the four Ps?

Hertz positions itself as a quality car and truck rental company that is top of mind for its target segments. One of Hertz's primary market segments is business customers. Hertz uses the four P's to create value for its business customers:

Product: Hertz uses its Prestige Collection, which features the Cadillac Escalade and Infiniti QX56, to target business customers.

Price: Hertz offers business customers special deals and discounts for business travel. In addition, business customers can sign up for Hertz's loyalty rewards program for further discounts.

Promotion: Hertz uses marketing communications to tell their business customers that Hertz will help them enjoy their journey and reduce their travel time.

Place: Hertz makes it easy for business customers to rent cars on business travel. Business customers are allowed to go through a separate line, or often bypass the lines altogether, to be on their way faster.

5. Of the four growth strategies described in the chapter, which is the most risky? Which is the easiest to implement? Why?

Of the four growth strategies, diversification is the most risky because it involves significant reallocation of resources. Diversification requires firms to invest in both new products and new markets. Market penetration is probably the easiest to implement because it requires initiatives to get more of your current customers to purchase more of your current products. Programs that offer sales, discounts, two-for-one, or BOGO specials can assist in a market penetration strategy.

6. Choose three companies. You believe the first builds customer value through product excellence, the second through operational excellence, and the third through customer excellence. Justify your answer.

Customer excellence is achieved when a firm develops value-based strategies for retaining loyal customers and provides outstanding customer service. Students may provide examples of local firms or larger firms such as Nordstrom's, Amazon.com, Zappos.com, and Ritz Carlton. Firms that have a competitive advantage through product excellence have products with high perceived value and effective branding and positioning. Students might choose companies like Coca-Cola, Nike, and Apple. Operational excellence occurs through efficient operations and excellent supply chain and human resource management. Companies with operational excellence include Dell, Toyota, and Walmart. Students should justify their answers.

7. You are on the job market and have received offers from three very different firms. Develop a marketing plan to help market yourself to prospective employers.

Answers will vary based upon the three companies the student would select. The student should include details in each of the following areas:

- 1. Executive summary.
- 2. Company overview.
- 3. Objectives or goals.
- 4. Situation analysis.
- 5. Market/product/customer analysis.

- 6. Marketing strategy.
- 7. Financial projections.
- 8. Implementation plan.
- 9. Evaluation and control metrics.

# **Quiz Yourself**

- 1. Suppose Macy's announced it would severely cut back its inventory levels. For clothing manufacturers supplying Macy's this would represent a:
- a. weakness.
- b. opportunity.
- c. situational selling problem.

### d. threat.

e. strategic business promotion efficiency.

This would be a threat for Macy's suppliers because it could mean a decrease in their business. If Macy's chooses to cut back inventory levels, which means it will order fewer products from its suppliers. For manufacturers that supply Macy's, this is a threat due to potential loss in overall sales.

- 2. Carla, a manager of a local bookstore, in response to increased competition from devices such as the Kindle book reader, has been directed by her regional marketing manager to cut prices on seasonal items, run an ad in the local paper, and tell distributors to reduce deliveries for the next month. Which stage of the strategic marketing planning process is Carla engaged in?
- a. Evaluate performance.
- b. Define the business mission.
- c. Situation analysis.

# d. Implement marketing mix and resources.

e. Identify and evaluate opportunities.

Carla is implementing the different components of the marketing mix (the four P's) by cutting prices (price), running an ad in the local paper (promotion), and reducing deliveries for the next month (place).

#### **Net Savvy**

1. The mission statement for Quaker Oats cites its origins, "inspired by the power and wholesome goodness of the amazing oat." Frito-Lay looks a little more to the present, citing its mission "To be the world's favorite snack and always within arm's reach." These different perspectives also reflect the quite different positioning adopted by each company. Visit the websites of each and review the descriptions of the company, its mission, and its values. Now consider what it means when you learn that both

brands are owned by PepsiCo. What is PepsiCo's mission statement? Do you believe these two disparate mission statements reflect what the firms do and who they are portrayed in the media? Justify your answer.

PepsiCo's mission statement is, "Our mission is to be the world's premier consumer products company focused on convenient foods and beverages. We seek to produce financial rewards to investors as we provide opportunities for growth and enrichment to our employees, our business partners and the communities in which we operate. And in everything we do, we strive for honesty, fairness and integrity."

Students should discuss the difference between the two mission statements and how they relate to PepsiCo's mission statement. How do both Frito Lay and Quaker Oats live up to PepsiCo's mission statement? Are they aligned or misaligned?

2. More and more firms seem to be entering the dating service industry. Visit <a href="www.eharmony.com">www.eharmony.com</a> and tour its website to find the types of activities and methods such companies use to help match compatible couples. Then visit <a href="www.match.com">www.match.com</a> and do the same. What are the similarities and differences of these two online dating services? Pick one and perform a SWOT analysis for it.

Students can apply what they have learned to a novel service area they might not have considered before. To obtain an understanding of how a company like eHarmony attempts to match singles, students must consider what factors affect online dating services in the guise of a SWOT analysis.

Strengths	<ul> <li>At-home convenience factor</li> <li>Multiple matching criteria</li> <li>Low client risk</li> </ul>
Weaknesses	<ul> <li>No guarantee that matches will be good or safe</li> <li>Requires client subscription to enable communication between matches</li> </ul>
Opportunities	<ul> <li>Use matching criteria for couples to provide inexpensive counseling</li> <li>International expansion</li> </ul>
Threats	<ul> <li>Many no-charge opportunities for singles to meet, online or off</li> <li>Potential for sexual predators to use the service negatively</li> </ul>

# Case Study: The Netflix Rollercoaster

**1.** Explain Netflix's marketing strategy. Can it sustain its competitive advantage? Why or why not?

Netflix competes in the video rental market by using the Internet for customer orders and the mail system for disc delivery. Netflix also offers customers the option of immediate online streaming of movies and television shows. Its pricing strategy is to allow customers to choose a flat rate monthly subscription fee for video rentals or instant streaming. Netflix's competitive advantage is that it owns no brick-and-mortar stores and therefore has a cost advantage over some competitors like Blockbuster. It faces tough competition from the cable, satellite, and telcos. Netflix has faced some challenges in previous years because of changes it made to its pricing strategy. Netflix is struggling to maintain its current competitive advantage in the marketplace.

2. How has their strategic change and rapid reversal affected their customers? Do you believe this situation is short-term public relations nightmare or a long-term reversal of fortune?

Customers were confused by Netflix's recent price change and rebranding strategy. Some customers defected to other companies like Hulu and Blockbuster. However, Netflix was able to retain many of its current customers. The new policy might make it more difficult to attract more new customers. Students should explain whether or not they believe this situation will have a short-term or long-term impact on customers.

**3.** Perform a SWOT analysis for Netflix. What are its biggest threats and which opportunities should it pursue?

Strengths	<ul> <li>No Brick-and-Mortar stores</li> <li>Subscription fee option</li> <li>No rental periods or late fees</li> </ul>
Weaknesses	<ul> <li>Limited streaming of digital content</li> <li>No negotiated contracts with major movie studios</li> </ul>
Opportunities	<ul> <li>Growth in instant downloadable content</li> <li>Growth in streaming content</li> </ul>
Threats	<ul> <li>Competitors increasing the number of offered titles</li> <li>Competitors with easier ways of renting content</li> </ul>

**4.** What is the best way for Netflix to grow its business? Justify your answer.

The greatest potential for growth is occurring with digital media. Netflix must develop its capabilities to distribute digital content via multiple delivery options. Ask students to consider services that Neflix could offer that would appeal to them? What products could Netflix offer that would appeal to other markets? Do students believe that digital media is the best growth strategy for Netflix?

#### ADDITIONAL TEACHING TIPS

In this chapter the goal is to introduce students to an overview of the marketing plan, the concept of customer value, and the utility of the SWOT matrix. It is important to teach students that the importance of the marketing plan is to communicate the value proposition to consumers and to provide direction on how that will be achieved.

The utility of the marketing plan must be conveyed throughout the course. Teach students that **the marketing plan is a subset of the business plan** which forms the foundational strategy of business. Students come to realize the importance of the marketing plan when the instructor frequently makes connection to its purpose not only on the day the concept is taught but throughout the course.

**Customer value** is a difficult concept for students to grasp. Instructors may want to ask students to write down something they find of value and what aspects lead to creating that value. The instructor can then ask what they would trade for that value. It is important that instructors communicate that value is more than monetary worth and can't easily be measured. As a result marketers must conduct target market research in order to create the value proposition of their marketing strategy.

The **SWOT** matrix may be easily demonstrated by dividing your class into groups and having each group contribute one item to each of the four quadrants using the college they are attending (common ground for all students) or a major chain food (such as McDonald's) so that all students are familiar with strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that may apply. Students can work as a group and then each group may put their items on the white boar to form a collective classroom SWOT. Instructors should then make the link that the opportunities and strengths should filter into the marketing message delivered in advertising campaigns and other marketing tools. **Online tip:** Instructors may want to divide their class by last name A-E Strengths, F-J Weaknesses, and so forth to answer a discussion board question using the same concept. Students could then complete an individual SWOT as an assignment. Another option would be to use the same concepts and integrate it as an online team assignment where each team forms their respective completed SWOT.

Remember to review the *Newsletter for Instructors* and its accompanied *PowerPoint presentation*, which integrates examples and discussion from the newsletter. Each

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