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Definition of 'consumer'

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1. COUNTABLE NOUN

A **consumer** is a person who buys things or uses services.

*...claims that tobacco companies failed to warn consumers about the dangers of smoking.*

**Synonyms:** buyer, customer, user, shopper [More Synonyms of consumer](#)

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**criminal activity or economic activity?**


Which version is correct?

Overall **criminal activity** is weak and it is expected to remain weak in the near term.

Overall **economic activity** is weak and it is expected to remain weak in the near term.

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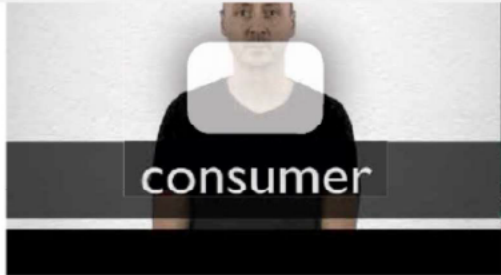
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### in American English

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#### NOUN

a person or thing that consumes; specif., a person who buys goods or services for personal needs and not for resale or to use in the production of other goods for resale

see also producer

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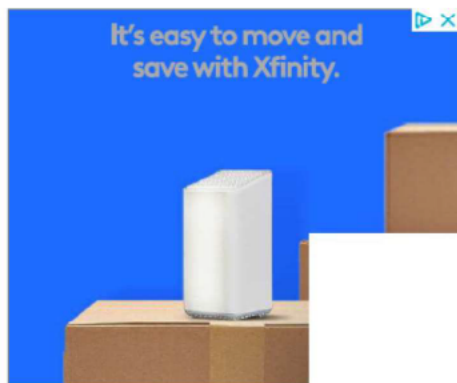
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a person or organization that uses a commodity or service

### 3. Ecology

an organism, usually an animal, that feeds on plants or other animals



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#### Derived forms

consumership **NOUN**

#### Word origin

[1375–1425 for earlier sense "squanderer," 1525–35 for current senses; ME; see consume, -er<sup>1</sup>]

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needs compare producer (sense 6)

2. a person or thing that consumes

3. (usually plural) *ecology*

an organism, esp an animal, within a community that feeds upon plants or other animals

See also decomposer, producer (sense 8)



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*The consumer prices index hit 1.6 per cent last month.*

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*In the same period the consumer prices index of inflation rose 1 per cent.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2016)*

*It is doing damage to business and consumer confidence.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2011)*

*Pressure on phone makers to introduce such features has come from consumers concerned about lack of security.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2013)*

*It is not just consumer electronics that would benefit from better batteries.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2014)*

*It acknowledges that new technologies have opened up exciting opportunities for both business and the consumer.*

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*The sector looks like a good way of getting exposure to rising British consumer spending.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2016)*

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