

Struggles you face at swimming lessons

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While swimming can get you ashore and save your life when that boat sinks, it does not come to you automatically. Many people get to learn swimming by floating with coconuts or whatever at their home village, or maybe by enrolling into a professional course at a certified swimming pool establishment. If it's the latter, here are some struggles you are likely to face (or have faced) after joining the classes.

YOU GET TIRED AFTER EVERY CLASS

When I used to be regular at swimming classes, I couldn't do anything after getting back home because my limbs wouldn't work after enduring the water pressure for so long. I remember dreading the weekly holidays since my classes fell on those days. There was this one lesson where I had to hold on to the side of the pool and kick my legs against the water keeping my body straight. It was an absolute nightmare that presented the popular motto "No pain, no gain" to me.

YOU ARE PRETTY ANXIOUS AROUND WATER

We all have trust issues, and they are at their peak when you're asked to jump into the pool, despite being assured that you will not drown. Even though you know there is ground beneath your feet, you don't find a sense of trust in the deep blue pool as you have thoughts like "What if I'm pushed to the deeper edge?" or "What if the water enters my lungs?" This is a struggle that doesn't last long but it is plenty long enough.

YOU NEED AN ICE BREAKING SESSION WITH THE POOL

As you descend down into the water, the sudden change in temperature holds your body captive. Then you become stiff, and it takes you some time to be able to stretch your limbs in the pool properly without the cold



affecting you. Yes, I know we are just normal humans but if I wanted many superpowers, the power of acclimatising fast in water would be high up on the list.

YOU (MIGHT) HAVE TO FACE A HORRIBLE COACH

If you're taking your swimming lessons on the holidays, chances are high that the place will be packed and the coach won't be able to give you the proper share of his time. They will ask you to practice after giving you certain instructions. If you ask them to repeat, following any sort of confusion, they will probably lose their calm among the bunch of learners who are as eager as you and shout at you in front of everyone. At least, it was as

such in my case.

YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANNOYING SWIMMERS

You are preparing for a dive after many calculations. You plan to at least cross a 7. Then you take the dive, and another swimmer collides with you midway because he/she doesn't have the decency to observe their surroundings before crashing someone's attempt. Though it mostly happens when the pool is crowded, one should not overlook the fact that they are the ones mainly at fault.

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Alternative Meanings of Economic Terms

MATILDA

RATIONING DEVICE

Real meaning: A means for deciding who gets what from available resources and goods.

Alternative meaning: Instead of just money, rationing devices can be intensity and loudness of screams and how much sass you can show during a discussion that morphed into a debate that morphed into a full blown super-aggressive argument. Whoever screams the loudest is the person who is heard. Logic and reasoning doesn't matter if you aren't loud enough.

RESIDUAL CLAIMANT

Real meaning: A person who shares in the profits of a business firm.

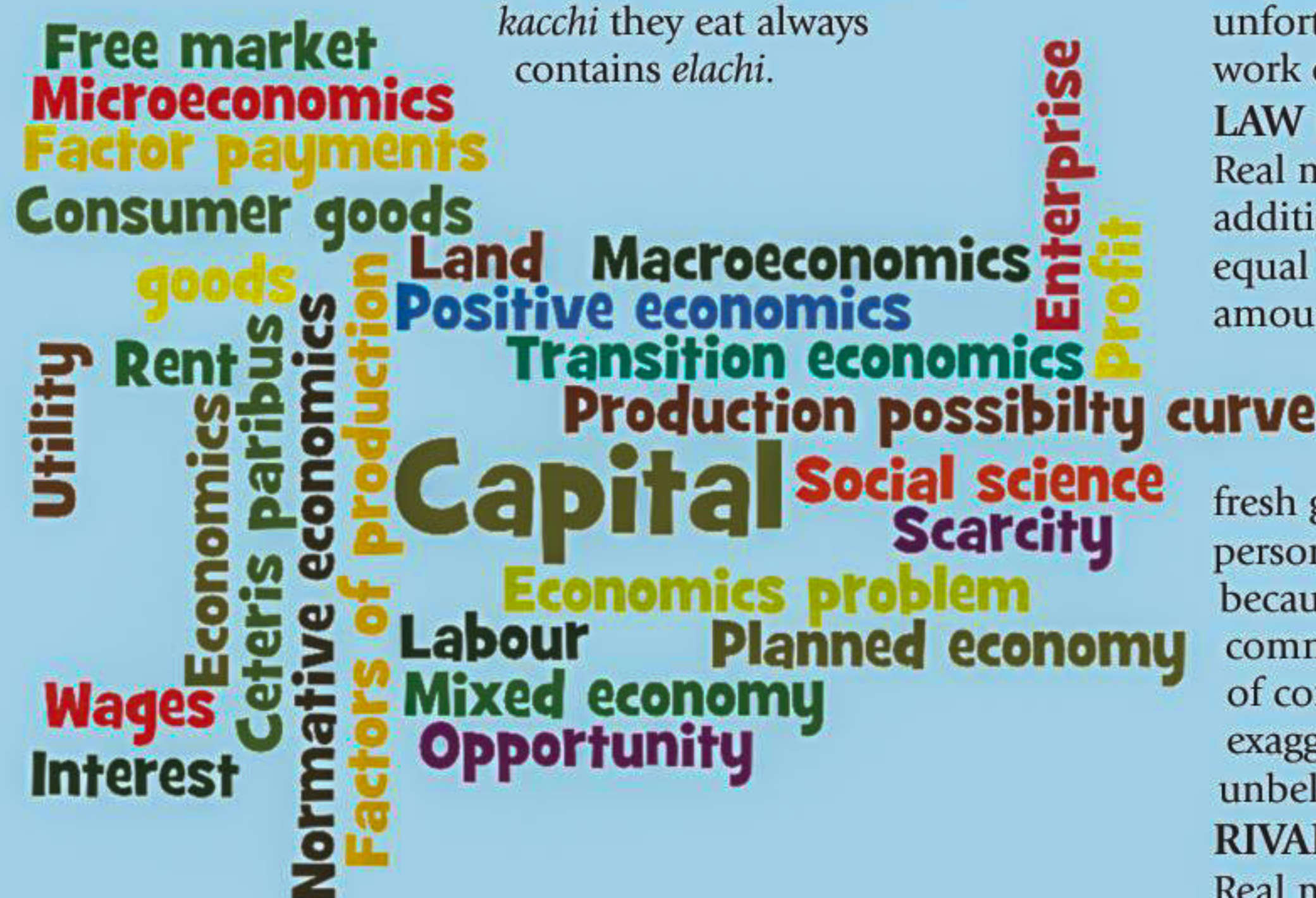
Alternative meaning: This is the teacher's pet and the epitome of perfection in the teacher's eyes. When the school benefits, they benefit, because they know they will be the one who will get picked to go to that conference abroad and get all the opportunities available.

MARGINAL PHYSICAL PRODUCT

Real meaning: The change in output that results from changing the variable input by one unit, holding all other inputs fixed.

Alternative meaning: If you've read enough articles on dealing with difficult people, you are sure to have come across something that is along the lines of, "You can't change what other people will do, you can only change your reaction to it". This law is telling you to do

this. The variable input is your reaction which they for some reason think you can control. So the next time someone wrongly takes out their frustration at you, don't cry or try to soothe them, icily tell them that you hope that every spoonful of *kacchi* they eat always contains *elachi*.



SUNK COSTS

Real meaning: Costs incurred in the past that cannot be changed by current decisions and therefore cannot be recovered.

Alternative meaning: Time is and always will be one of the most valuable resources ever. However, some

people don't seem to realise that. Sunk costs are all the time you wasted pursuing things that have little to no use and caused you more pain than pleasure. Think of all the money, time and effort you spent to woo the boy or girl who didn't end up with you, or more unfortunately, they did, and the relationship didn't work out so you have to break up.

LAW OF DIMINISHING MARGINAL UTILITY

Real meaning: For a given time period, the marginal or additional utility or satisfaction gained by consuming equal successive units of a good will decline as the amount consumed increases.

Alternative meaning: This law basically states that the more you consume, the less you enjoy. Think of that fun, chatty friend who always has fresh gossip. The more you spend time with this person, the less and less you enjoy talking to them because they drain your energy with their negative comments and make you feel insecure with their habit of constantly picking out other people's flaws and exaggerating them till it sounds ridiculous and unbelievable.

RIVALROUS CONSUMPTION

Real meaning: A good whose consumption by one person reduces its consumption by others.

Alternative meaning: An example of this is the student who asks questions simply to flaunt his knowledge and understanding of the subject instead of trying to clear a genuine confusion. He takes up the time of other students who really did need help but now can't ask the teacher for help because class is over.