CONCEPT: THE FOUR TYPES OF GOODS AND THEIR CHARACTERISTICS

We will categorize goods into four categories based on the following two traits:					
□ <i>Rival in consumption</i> – Only	can consume each unit of the good.				
Example of a rival good:	Example of a good:				
□ <i>Excludable</i> – a person can be	from using the good if they did not pay.				
Example of an excludable good:	Example of a good:				

• Now, we can define groups of goods based on rivalry and excludability:

	Excludable	Non-excludable
Rival	Private Goods • • •	Common Resources • • •
Non-rival	Club Goods • •	Public Goods • •

Note: Club goods might also be called:

- Quasi-public goods
- Natural Monopoly Goods
- Near-public goods
- Non-rival Private Goods
- Artificially Scarce Goods

PRACTICE: Label the goods as Private Goods (PRI), Common Resources (CR), Club Goods (CG), or Public Goods (PUB).

Steak Dinner	US Census Data	City Sewer System	
Fireworks Show	Computer Software	Car	
Forest Lumber	Shoes	Wi-Fi	
Traffic Signals	Uncongested Toll Road	Fish in the Ocean	

PRACTICE: A slice of pizza is:

- a) Rival
- b) Non-rival
- c) Non-excludable
- d) Both (a) and (c)

PRACTICE: An example of an excludable good is:

- a) The court system
- b) Public roads
- c) National Defense
- d) MP3 downloads