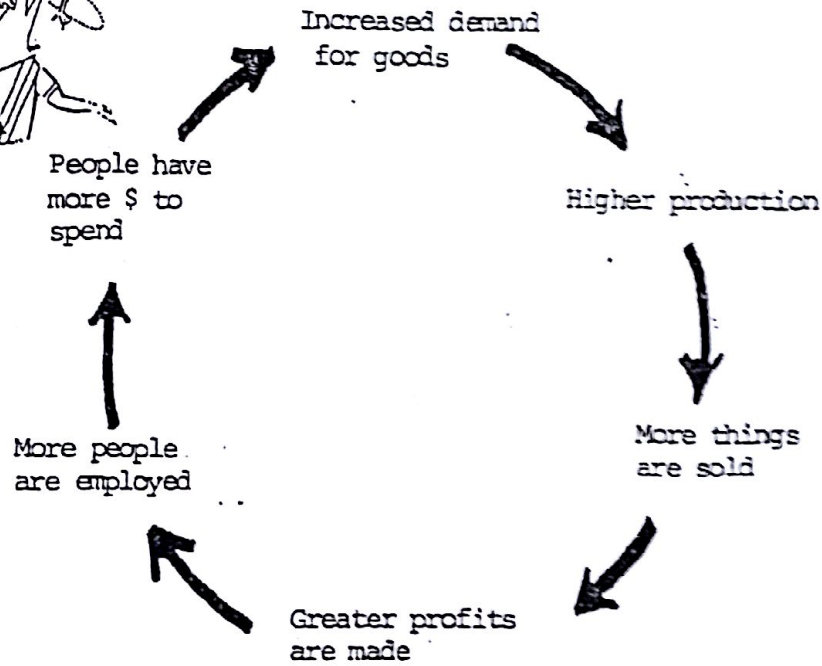
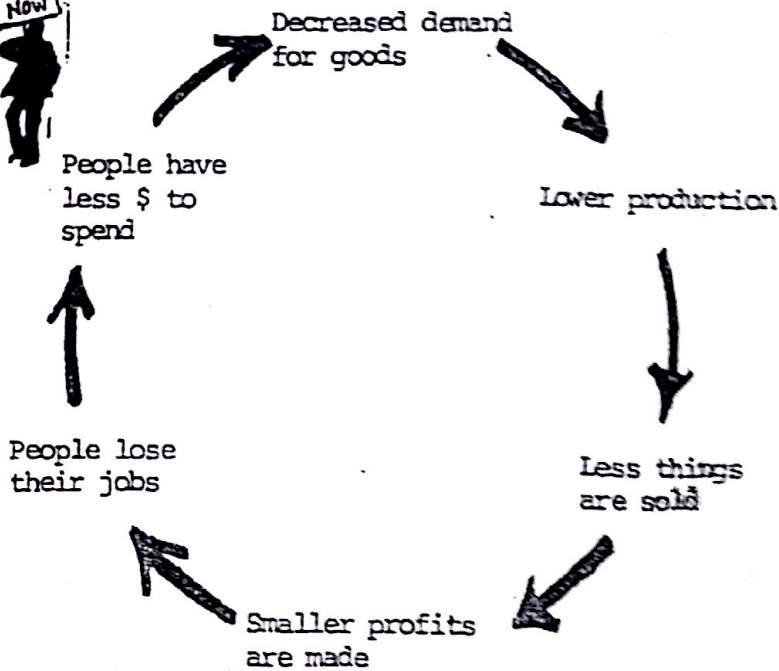


## THE BUSINESS CYCLE



The "Roaring 20's" was a period of economic growth and prosperity. There were many new discoveries that resulted in high employment. People were optimistic and felt that the good times would last forever.



The "Great Depression" is sometimes called "Ten Lost Years". It was a period of economic decline and collapse. During the time, many people had no money and could not find a job. They were very pessimistic about their future and thought the misery would last forever.

## THE BUSINESS CYCLE - "GOOD TIMES....BAD TIMES"

Explanation: Many people feel that the Great Depression was caused by the Stock Market Crash (Black Tuesday, October 29, 1929), while others will blame it on the people of the 20's and the careless lifestyle that they led. Some will say that it was the fault of big business for overproducing and the government letting them do so. Still others will say that it is a natural thing and that it will happen again no matter what we do. After discussing this with your teacher, decide on what you think. Could we have another depression?

Exercise: Complete definitions for words below using diagram A and label diagram B using the 4 words.

- Prosperity - There are lots of jobs
- Recession - There are fewer jobs
- Depression - There are not many jobs
- Recovery - Jobs are starting up again

Diagram A

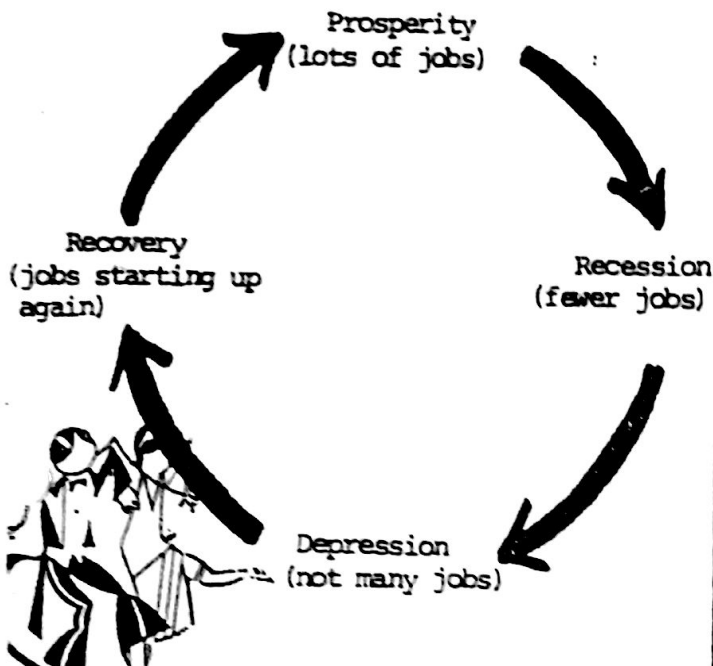


Diagram B

