

Can you finish...

What goes up, must come _____.

Too much of a good thing, is a _____ thing.

Life has its ups, and _____.

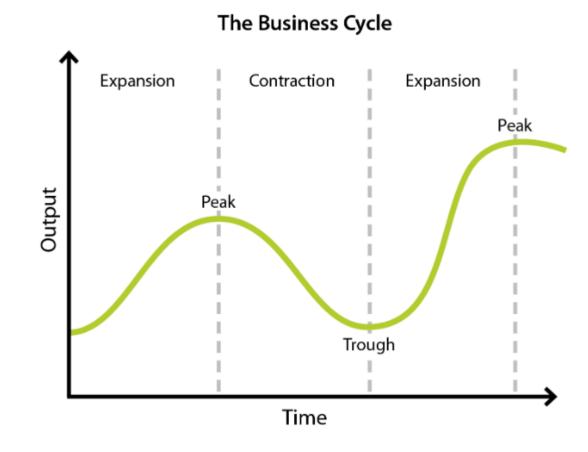
All good things come to an ______.

What is the business cycle?

The **business cycle** depicts the rise and fall in output (production of goods and services), over time.

Each business cycle has four phases:

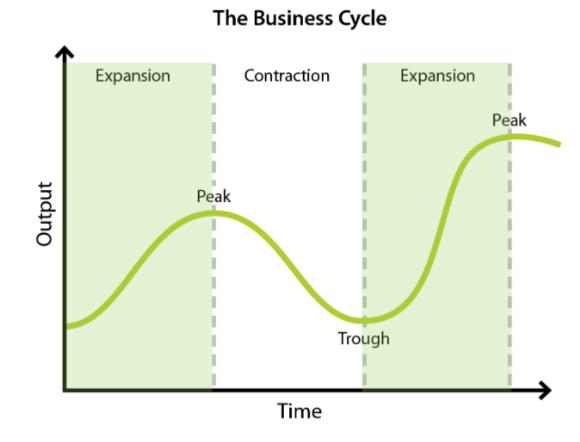
- Expansion
- Peak
- Contraction
- Trough



Economic expansion

The **upswing** of the business cycle towards a peak is called an **economic expansion**. An economic expansion is associated with:

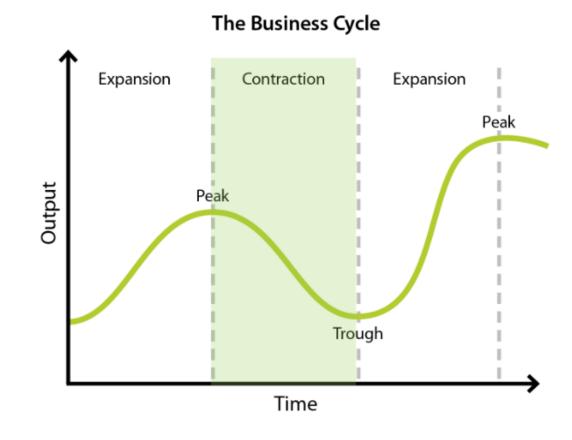
- increase in production/output
- decrease in unemployment
- increase in wages
- increase in consumer spending.



Economic contraction

The **downswing** of the business cycle towards a trough is called an **economic contraction**. It is associated with:

- decrease in production/output
- increase in unemployment
- decrease in wages
- decrease in consumer spending.



Boom, recession and depression

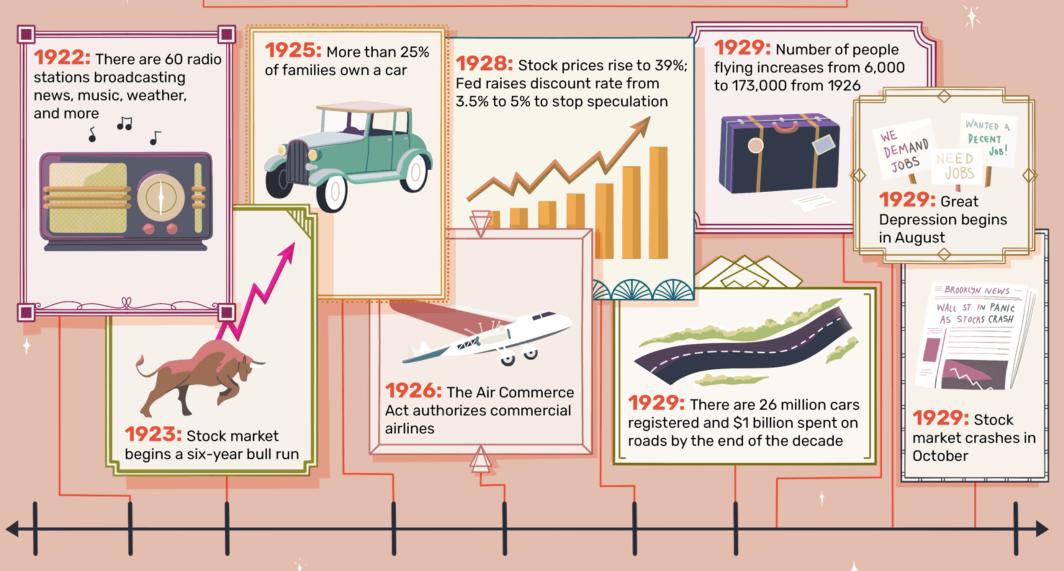
The business cycle can also go through more extreme phases.

A **boom** is a period of strong economic expansion where many businesses are operating at full capacity or above capacity, and the unemployment rate is very low. Income and production are at very high levels. This can lead to rapid growth in prices.

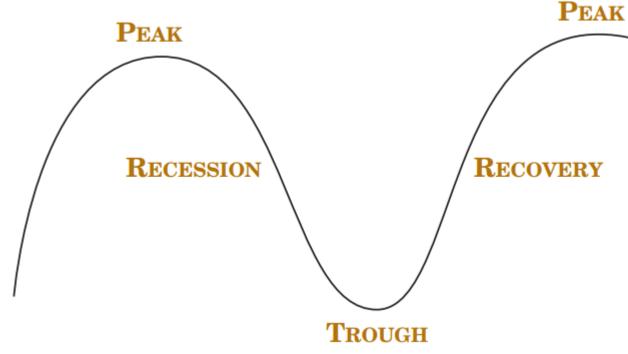
A **recession** is when output has fallen for a period of time and the unemployment rate increases.

A **depression** is a very severe recession. There is a large contraction in the economy, and the unemployment rate is likely to be at a very high level.

A Timeline of the Roaring '20s







NUMBER OF U.S. BANKS CLOSING TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY, 1920-1933

Number of Bank Closings

168

2,294

1,456

4,004

	1921	505
	1922	367
	1923	646
	1924	775
durable goods falls	1925	618
	1926	976
investment goods falls	1927	669
	1928	499
o make those goods are laid off	1929	659
	1930	1,352

Year

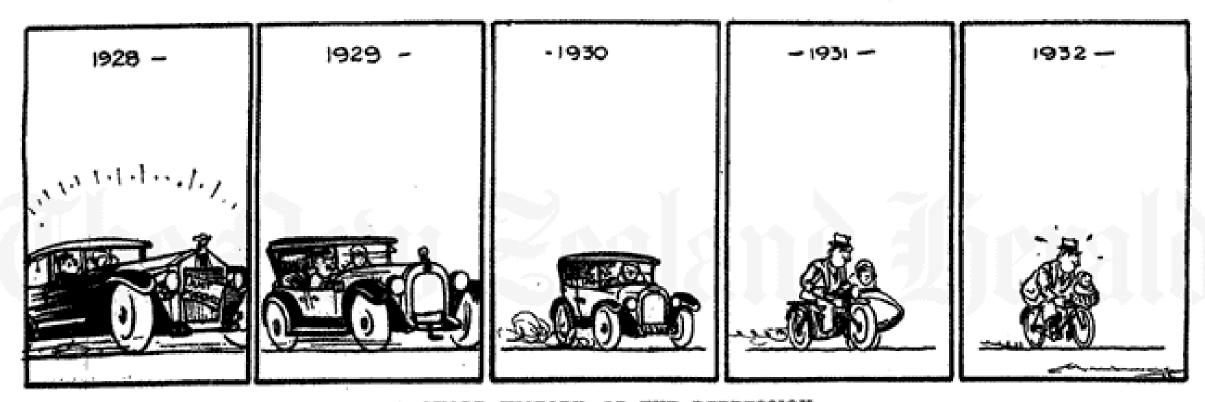
1920

1931

1932

1933

- Demand for d
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- Workers who
- Because these workers now have less income, they spend less and demand falls further
- Demand for durable goods revives
- Demand for investment goods revives
- Workers are rehired



A SHORT HISTORY OF THE DEPRESSION