



**Activity three: Consuming passions:**  
**Activity sheet MC7**  
**Society characteristics**



Uses up energy and resources as if an unlimited source, with no worries of their waste or renewal.

Uses only as much energy and resources as it needs to. Always uses renewable sources where possible and minimises waste.

Makes/buys cheap and convenient goods that don't last long.

Tries to make/buy long lasting goods that can be maintained and repaired.

Produces goods in large quantities. Often considers cash cost but not the effects on people (at home or abroad) and the environment.

Carefully considers and balances all costs - people (at home and abroad), environment and cash - involved in making goods.

Concentrates on short-term cash benefits and goals normally.

Tries to show concern for the future, by looking at long-term benefits and goals - cash, people, environment.

Avoids responsibility - often relies on someone else (government) paying to develop the technology to clear up the mess.

Takes on responsibility - individuals, communities, businesses and industry as well as government try to save energy and resources, and dispose of their wastes carefully.