

8 Correcting market failure – Part 2

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Vocabulary 词汇

Write each word three times. 把每个单词抄写三遍。

English	中文	Write it 3 times (English)		
market failure	市场失灵	_____	_____	_____
indirect tax	间接税	_____	_____	_____
subsidy	补贴	_____	_____	_____
regulation	管制	_____	_____	_____
progressive tax	累进税	_____	_____	_____
redistribution	再分配	_____	_____	_____

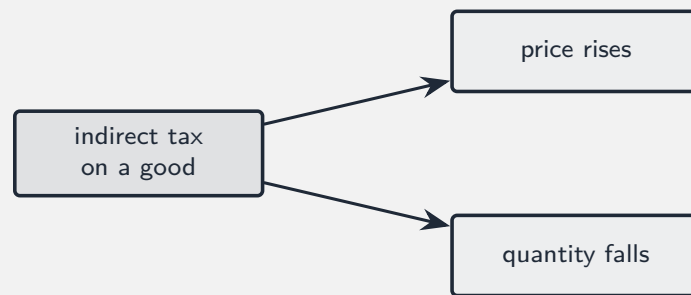
Recall

When a market gives a poor result —**market failure** 市场失灵—a government can step in to fix it.

New ideas

Read these first, then do the Practice.

■ 1 Tools to correct a market



- an **indirect tax** 间接税 on a harmful good (like fuel) raises its price and cuts the quantity;
- a **subsidy** 补贴 on a helpful good (like solar panels) lowers its price and raises the quantity;
- **regulation** 管制 uses rules and laws (bans, safety standards, pollution limits).

■ 2 Making incomes fairer



A **progressive tax** 累进税 takes a larger share from higher incomes. With benefits and free services, this brings **redistribution** 再分配—moving income from richer to poorer.

Watch out: an indirect tax on a *harmful* good raises its price (cuts use); a subsidy on a *helpful* good lowers its price (raises use). A progressive tax takes a *larger share* from higher incomes, redistributing from rich to poor.

Practice

Try these in order.

8.6 What is *market failure*? [1]

8.7 What happens to the price of a good after an *indirect tax*? [1]

8.8 Would you put a *subsidy* on a harmful good or a helpful one? [1]

8.9 What is a *progressive tax*? [1]

8.10 What does *redistribution* move, and in which direction? [1]

8.11 Challenge. Explain how a progressive income tax, together with benefits for the poor, reduces inequality. [2]
