

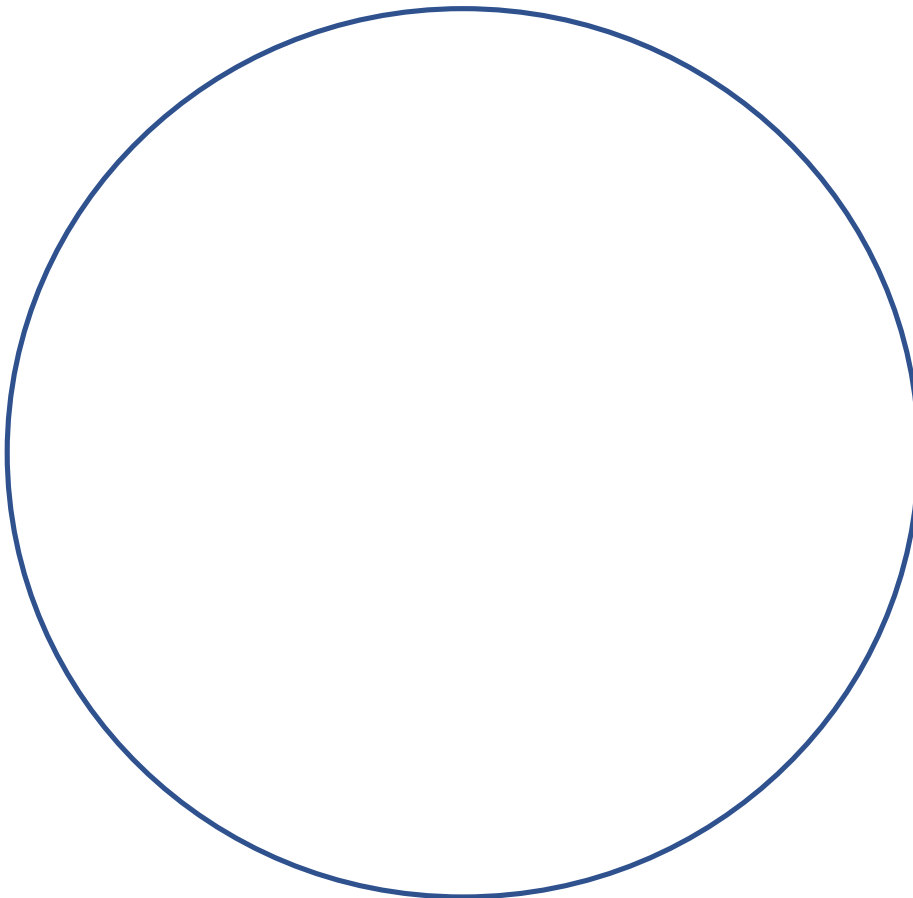
# The Economics of “the Time You Have”

(In Jelly Beans)

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOksW\\_NabEk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOksW_NabEk))

1. How many days do you think the average American lives for?
2. Here is a list of things that the average American does in their lifetime. Discuss which one you think they do the most and least with a partner?
  - A. going to community activities
  - B. sleeping
  - C. eating, drinking & preparing food
  - D. caring for the needs and well-being of others
  - E. learning a new skill
  - F. watching television (in one form or another)
  - G. doing bathroom related activities
  - H. doing household activities
  - I. working
  - J. commuting & travelling

3. In the circle below, make a pie-chart with 10 sections. Each section should represent how long you think the average American spends doing the activities in exercise 2 during a lifetime. Write the corresponding letter in each segment.



- 4) Now watch the video. Why do you think the creator chose to use jelly beans?
- 5) Listen to the video again and complete the gaps:
- a. Your first fifteen years consist of \_\_\_\_\_ days.
  - b. We will spend \_\_\_\_\_ days eating, drinking or preparing food.
  - c. Commuting or travelling from one place to another will take up \_\_\_\_\_. Maybe a little bit more if you live in L.A.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ days will be spent on household chores.
  - e. Community activities will take up \_\_\_\_\_ days.
  - f. How much of it do you think you've already used up? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you only had half of it, what would you do differently?
- 7) Compare the information from the video with your own ideas in your pie-chart. Are they similar? Did anything surprise you?
- 8) How much time have you already spent worrying instead of doing something that you love?
- b) What would you do if you just had one more day?
- 9) What impact does looking at your life with finite number of days have on you and how you might live your life?
- 10) Compare how each of the following economic concepts relates to the point of the video:
- a) Economics
  - b) Supply and Demand
  - c) Scarcity
  - d) Value
  - e) Opportunity Costs