

## AS Level Economics Bridging Work (2025)

### Reeves vows to shield UK from Israel-Iran price shock



This is an opportunity over the summer period to start thinking about some of the areas we will cover next year. The objectives of most countries are to achieve economic growth, low stable inflation, low unemployment and a healthy trade balance. Generally, the emphasis is on achieving economic growth. This would then lead to the UK becoming a wealthier nation, enjoying an improved standard of living.

If only life was so easy! Very often, however, 'external factors', which can be beyond our control, impact on our economy in a negative way despite our hopes and aspirations for the future.

So, time you found out about these 'external factors', and the problems they have created. (The 'Financial Crisis' (2008/9, the western recession), 'Brexit' (2016), 'Covid-19' (2020), Russia's 'Invasion of Ukraine' (2022), Trump's favourite word 'Tariff', and the impact of the Israel—Gaza/Iran conflict on the middle east and beyond.) Answer all the questions.

1. What was the 'Financial Crisis' of 2008/9 and how did it affect the UK and many other western developed countries?
2. How long did the 'Financial Crisis' last, and are we still in a recession?
3. On 23 June 2016, the UK voted to leave the European Union (EU). How many members of the UK public wanted to leave the EU, and how many wanted to remain in the EU.
4. What might be the advantages and disadvantages of leaving the EU?
5. What is 'inflation' (and what is the current inflation rate in the UK)?
6. If many products have increased in price and your income remains the same, how does this affect your 'standard of living'?
7. How much did Covid-19 effectively cost the UK economy?
8. In February 2022, Russia invaded the sovereign country of Ukraine. This led to high inflation in the USA, Europe and the UK. Why did the inflation rate, rise so much?
9. How has the global price of oil been affected by the war in Iran? And how might it affect us economically?

Bring your completed work to your first lesson in September or email it to:  
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