



# Chapter 1: What is Economics? Opener

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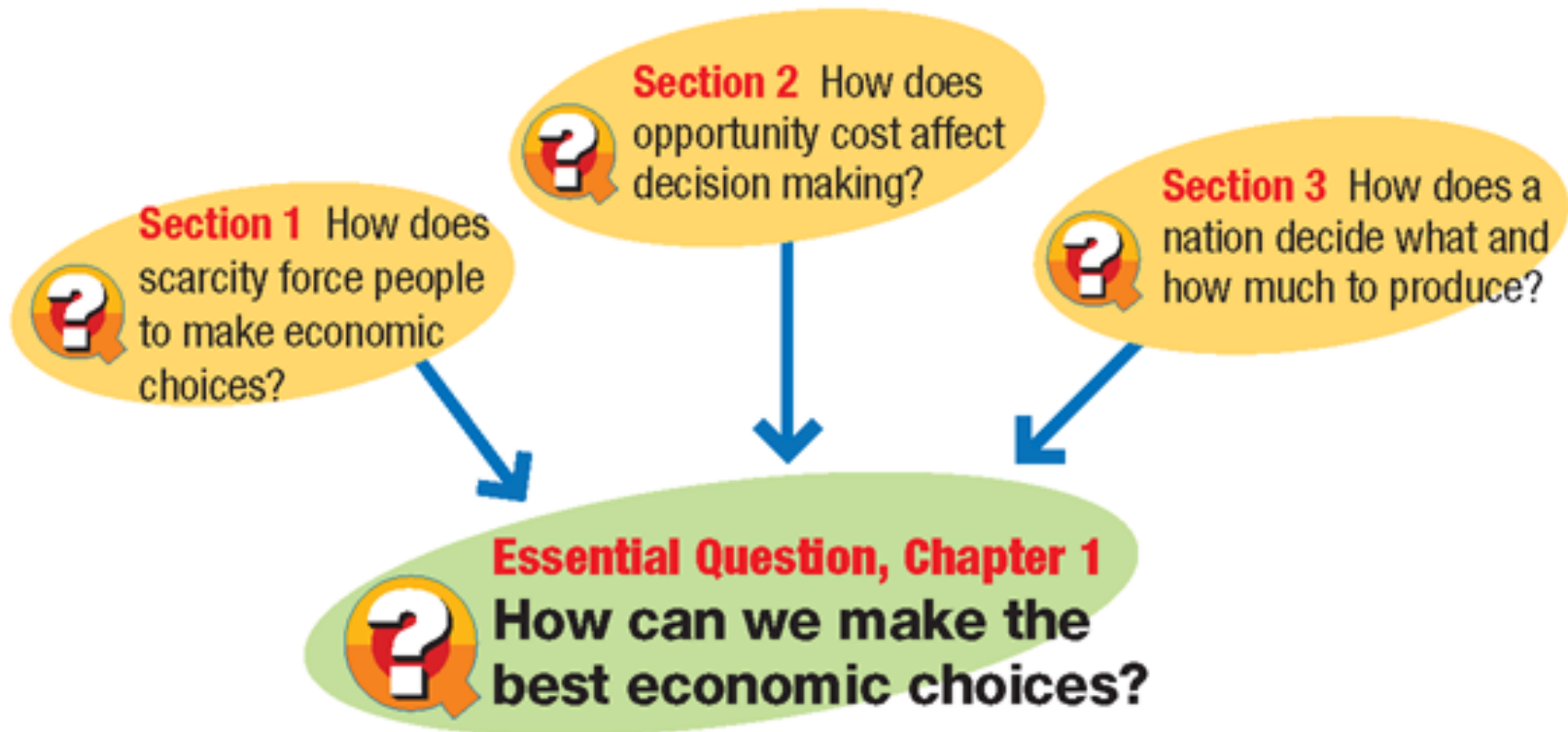
# ECONOMICS

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# Essential Question

- How can we make the best economic choices?



# Guiding Questions

- Section 1: Scarcity and the Factors of Production
  - How does scarcity force people to make economic choices?
    - Scarcity means that people cannot acquire all of their wants so they must decide which wants are more important to them.



# Guiding Questions

- Section 2: Opportunity Cost
  - How does opportunity cost affect decision making?
    - When making an economic decision, you need to determine what you are giving up as a result of that decision, or what your opportunity cost is for that decision.





# Guiding Questions

- Section 3: Production Possibilities Curves
  - How does a nation decide what and how much to produce?
    - Nations use production possibilities curves to map out the best ways to use their factors of production.

