## **Problem of scarcity**

• **Resources**: Factors of production including land, labour, enterprise and capital.

Kevin has limited money. He would like to have coffee and cake but his money is not enough for getting *Choice*.

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He cannot get everything by the condition of limited resources.

It needs to trade off or choose (Allocation of resource)

E.g. Kevin decided to spend money on coffee.

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The lost of the next best alternative foregone is called

" Opportunity cost "

E.g. Kevin lost the opportunity to eat cake, called opportunity cost.

**The scarcity**: arises because wants exceed resources (factors of production including land, labour, enterprise and capital).

**Opportunity cost**: is the next best alternative given up when a choice is made.

## The basic questions in economic problems

- 1. What to produce
- 2. How to produce
- 3. For whom

#### The distinction between renewable and non-renewable resources

- **1.) Renewable resources:** Resource that can be exploited over and over again because they have potential to renew themselves such as fish, forest, wind
- **2.) Nonrenewable resources:** Resources that once exploited, it cannot be replaced such as oil, coal.

# The distinction between renewable and non-renewable resources

- **1.) Free goods:** goods which have no opportunity cost. It does not use FOP to produce eg. Air, ocean
- **2.) Economic goods:** goods which have opportunity cost. It requires FOP to produce e. g. watch, ring

## **Factors of production**

Factors of production	Definition	Example	Return
1.Land	Natural resources	oil and coal	Rent
2.Labour	Workers who are used in production of goods and services	Builder, teacher	Wage
3.Capital	Human-made goods used in production	Machines, equipment,	Interest
4.Enterprise	Who take risks and make key decisions in business	The owner of a business	Profit