

Resolution Challenge Explanation 18.4.15

First, translate.

So Goodbody is looking for tenants for a bunch of new office space in its Parrot building. The building used to be totally derelict outside the city financial center. Weirdly, the recession will help Goodbody find tenants for the Parrot building even though it will hurt most of the city's businesses.

The Parrot building is in a formerly abandoned part of town... It's probably not a super nice area, right? It's being newly built up. The rents are probably cheaper there. What if the businesses getting hit by the recession have to cut costs, so they move from their fancy office buildings in the center of town to the hip new spot outside the financial center? That would be a way the recession could hurt most businesses but help Goodbody find tenants.

RESOLUTION

What if renting in the Parrot building is a way businesses can cut costs in response to the recession?

It's a Resolution question, so we just have to find our Resolution from the CLIR. We want the world of the stimulus to make sense.

- A)** *So businesses who want to economize from the recession will want the low rents outside the city center. That's exactly where the Parrot building is! **A** is our Resolution in action. It explains how the recession could hurt everyone else and help Goodbody. It's a powerful choice.*
- B)** *So public transit links the city center to Parrot Quay. Public transit is a plus for the Parrot building, but it doesn't tell me why the recession would affect Goodbody positively and everyone else negatively. **B** isn't a powerful option.*
- C)** *So Parrot Quay became derelict when factories shut down in the last recession. The reason Parrot Quay was derelict in the past doesn't tell us anything about why this recession is affecting Goodbody positively and everyone else negatively. **C** isn't powerful; it doesn't make the two halves of the Paradox make sense.*
- D)** *So Goodbody's other properties in the financial center will become vacant if the recession is bad enough to drive the tenants out of business. First off, **D** is a Dormant Conditional. We don't know that the recession will be severe enough to drive these tenants out of business. We can't activate **D**'s conditional, so it's neither powerful nor provable. Besides, vacancies in Goodbody's other properties don't matter for finding tenants for the Parrot building. **D** is a bad call all around.*
- E)** *So the recession will probably hit manufacturing harder than service industries that require a bunch of office space. **E** offers us a bad comparative. It doesn't matter if the recession hits manufacturing harder than services. The stimulus doesn't compare manufacturing and service industries, so answers like **E** don't matter. **E** doesn't explain why the recession leads to both businesses suffering and to the Parrot building gaining tenants. Not a powerful choice.*

A is the correct answer. It tells us exactly why the Parrot building is gaining tenants from the coming recession. Our Resolution balances the two sides of the Paradox.