Reasons for Changes in Demand

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- F. Change in consumers' price expectations
- G. The event did not change demand

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 - b. What will happen to demand? No change in demand, only in quantity demanded
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 - A. What will happen to demand? It will increase (shift rightward)
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 - a. Determinant that caused the change: D
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