# Mistakes

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# **Taxonomy**

### Most people's blunders cluster by category:

- Conceptual
- Financial
- Promotional
- Operational
- Logistical

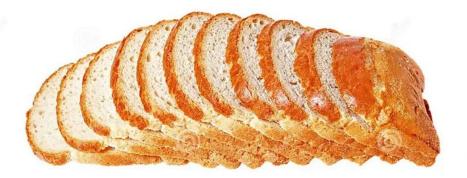


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- How customers would otherwise spend the money you are asking for.

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Thank you for your attention.