



con·sump·tion [kuhn-suhmp-shuhn] – *noun*

1. the act of consuming, as by use, decay, or destruction.
2. the amount consumed: *the high consumption of gasoline.*
3. *Economics.* the using up of goods and services having an exchangeable value.
4. *Pathology.*
 - a. *Older Use.* tuberculosis of the lungs.
 - b. progressive wasting of the body.

Origin:

1350–1400; ME *consumpcyon* (< MF) < L *consūmptiōn-* (s. of *consūmptiō*) a consuming, wasting, equiv. to *consūmpt(us)*, ptp. of *consūmere* to consume (*con-* *con-* + *sūmp-* (var. s. of *sūmere* to take up, spend) + *-tus* ptp. suffix) + *-iōn-* *-ion*

Synonyms:

1. depletion, exploitation, utilization.

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ingestion, intake, uptake, phthisis, pulmonary tuberculosis

Main Entry: consumption

Part of Speech:

noun

Definition: devouring; use

Synonyms:

burning, consuming, damage, decay, decrease, depletion, desolation, destruction, devastation, diminution, dispersion, dissipation, drinking, eating, exhaustion, expenditure, loss, misuse, ruin, swallowing, using up, utilization, waste, wear and tear

Antonyms:

fasting, starvation