Becoming a Business | Worksheet

Matching

Match the definition in Column A with the term in Column B.

<u>Column A</u>

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- _____ Business owned and operated by one person.
- _____ Process to form a corporation.
- _____ Individual's risk for business debts.

Business model shielding personal assets from

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Multiple Choice

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 - a. Corporation
 - b. LLC
 - c. Sole Proprietorship
 - d. Partnership
- 2. In which business structure can profits pass directly to the owners without being taxed at the business level but still provide some liability protection?
 - a. Sole Proprietorship
 - b. Corporation
 - c. LLC
 - d. Non-profit Organization
- 3. What is the term used to describe the legal concept that prevents creditors from going after a business owner's personal assets in certain types of business entities?
 - a. Personal Liability
 - b. Corporate Veil
 - c. Double Taxation
 - d. Sole Proprietorship
- 4. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of a corporation?
 - a. Ability to issue stocks
 - b. Limited liability for its shareholders
 - c. Profits are taxed at both the business and personal levels
 - d. Owner directly pays business taxes on personal tax returns

Application

Consider the chart on the following page. For each business, choose whether it would best be structured as a Sole Proprietorship, LLC, or Corporation. Consider liability, taxes, investment needs, and the number of owners. Write a one-sentence justification for the factor that influenced your decision (e.g., reduces personal liability, ease of setup, attracts investors, etc.).



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- b. LLC
- c. Corporation
- d. Incorporation
- e. Personal Liability





Business Decision Chart

Business Scenario	Chosen Structure	Reason
Freelance Graphic Designer		
Cafe Partnership		
Tech Startup		
Handmade Crafts Online Store		

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<u>Column B</u>

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Application Answer Example

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Business Scenario	Chosen Structure	Reason
Freelance Graphic Designer	Sole Proprietorship	"Lowest setup complexity and direct control."
Cafe Partnership	LLC	"Protects both owners' personal assets from business debts."
Tech Startup	Corporation	"Facilitates investment and limits personal liability."
Handmade Crafts Online Store	LLC	"Offers personal asset protection while keeping tax simplicity."