

Share. To start a big concern or a business, a large amount of money is needed. This is usually beyond the capacity of one or two individuals. However, some persons together associate to form a company issues a prospectus and invites the public to subscribe. The required capital is divided into equal small parts called shares, each of a particular fixed value. The person who subscribes in shares is called a shareholder.

Sometimes, the company asks its **shareholders** to pay some money immediately and balance

After some period, the total money raised immediately is called the **paid up capital**. Parts of the profits divided amongst the shareholders are called dividends.

The original value of a share is *called* its nominal value.

The price of a share in the market is called the market value.

Different kinds of shares. There are two kinds of shares.