Business Expenses Practice

Which of the expense categories do the following expenditures fall into? Put an 'X' in the box you believe to be correct.

| Expenditure | Start-Up Expense | Operating Expense | Personal Expense |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Opening Inventory | | | |
| Retail Store Lease | | | |
| Owner's Car Payment | | | |
| Set-up of Employee Cell Phones | | | |
| Marketing Research | | | |
| Business License Renewal | | | |
| Advertising for the Opening | | | |
| Owner's Apartment | | | |
| Store's Utilities | | | |
| Shipping / Mailing Fees | | | |
| Payroll | | | |
| Purchase of Delivery Vehicle | | | |
| Monthly Supplies | | | |
| Website Creation | | | |
| Website Maintenance | | | |
| Business Travel for Owner | | | |

For each of the following, identify the expense as fixed or variable.

| Type of Expense | Fixed or Variable | |
|---|-------------------|--|
| Business License | | |
| Phone Installation | | |
| Monthly Phone Service | | |
| Installation of Equipment | | |
| Equipment Maintenance/Repairs | | |
| Utilities (Electric Bills, Water, Etc.) | | |
| Rent | | |
| Payroll | | |

Now it's your turn to come up with fixed and variable expenses that you would incur for the following categories:

1. Advertising (Website, promotions, etc.)

| Fixed | 1. |
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| | 2. |
| Variable | 1. |
| | 2. |

2. Product (Inventory, supplies, etc.)

| Fixed | 2. |
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| | 2. |
| Variable | 2. |
| | 2. |

Critical Thinking:

Give some ideas of what you think companies are spending their money on (be specific) when we use the following terms:

| Start-up - Hiring Employees: | (Ex.) - Paying for ads on LinkedIn / hiring websites |
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| Operating - Supplies | (Ex.) - Ink for the printers in the office |
| Personal - Business Expenses | (Ex.) - Buying dinner for a customer |