



LESSON HANDOUT

The Dollar Street

Directions: Using The Dollar Street website (<https://www.gapminder.org/dollar-street/matrix>), find the following families and answer the corresponding questions.

NOTE

You may want to use the search bar on the main page (www.gapminder.org) to find the specific families by name.

1 Find the Chaurasia family that lives in New Delhi, India.

- What is their monthly income? _____
- What is the occupation of the primary wage earner in the family? _____
- Find the picture of the water outlet in the home and use three words to describe it. _____
- What is the next item they plan to buy? _____
- Where do they fall on The Dollar Street income scale? _____

2 Find the Raju family that lives near Thanlyin in Myanmar.

- What is their monthly income? _____
- What is the occupation of the primary wage earner in the family? _____
- What is the heat source for cooking? _____
- Describe the table they use for entertaining guests. _____
- What is the next item they plan to buy? _____
- Where do they fall on The Dollar Street income scale? _____

3 Find the Xi family that lives in the Yunnan province of China.

- What is their monthly income? _____
- What is the occupation of the primary wage earner in the family? _____
- What do they use as fuel for their stove? _____
- Use three words to describe the plate of food in their home. _____
- Where do they fall on The Dollar Street income scale? _____

4 Find the Poma family that lives in the La Paz region of Bolivia.

- What is their monthly income? _____
- What is the occupation of the primary wage earner in the family? _____
- What do they dream of purchasing? _____
- Choose one of the pictures of their home and describe it. _____
- Where do they fall on The Dollar Street income scale? _____

5 As a group, choose a family not listed above. Have a conversation using the following questions:

- What are some major differences between their lives and yours?
- What are some similarities between their lives and yours?
- What were some feelings you had when looking at the items in their home?
- What do you think children in this family, or culture, do for fun?
- What are some challenges you think this family faces?