



Photo: Capital of Cambodia, Phnom Penh **Credit:** Richard Wainwright

Dollar Street

Imagine the world as a street ordered by income. Everyone lives somewhere on the street. The poorest lives to the left and the richest to the right. Everybody else live somewhere in between.

The Dollar Street website has been set up exactly like this. It is filled with photographs of what life is like for people living all around the world, from the richest to the poorest.

Visit Dollar Street: <https://www.gapminder.org/dollar-street>

Activities

Use the knowledge you have of your own home, the Caritas Australia Project Compassion website (<https://lent.caritas.org.au/>) and the Dollar Street website (<https://www.gapminder.org/dollar-street>) to complete the following activities:

1. Estimate the area and perimeter of each room in your home.
2. Measure and calculate the area and perimeter of each of the rooms in your home. (If you don't have a measuring tape, get creative about how you might be able to make one.)
3. Calculate the overall area of your house by adding the area of each room together.
4. Choose one of the countries from this year's Project Compassion stories and search for that country on Dollar Street.
5. Estimate the area and perimeter of houses you think Shirley, Phany, Sakun and Tawonga might live in based on the pictures you see. You might be able to use the number of people standing in front of homes to help you estimate.
6. Using 2D or 3D models show the different sized houses to scale.

Suitable for Years 5 – 9

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