

5 Living standards and poverty – Part 1

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Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English	Write it 3 times (English)
Living standards	_____
GDP per person	_____
Poverty	_____

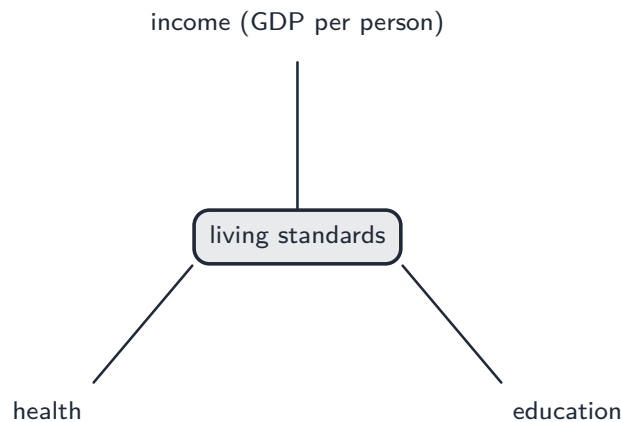
Recall

Living standards are how well people live. They depend on more than just money.

New ideas

Read these first, then do the Practice.

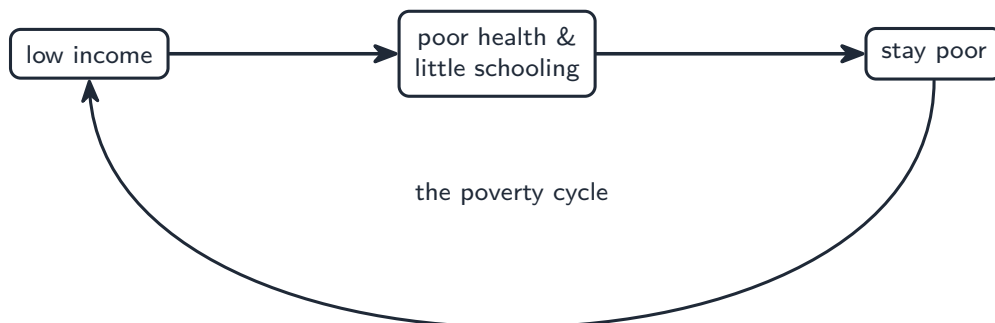
■ 1 Measuring living standards



One measure is **GDP per person** – GDP – the average income in a country. Health and education matter too.

■ 2 Poverty

Poverty is when people cannot afford basic needs. It can trap people:



Watch out: living standards depend on **more than income** – health and education matter too. **GDP per person** is the *average* income, so it can hide big gaps between rich and poor. Poverty can be a **trap**: low income → poor health/schooling → low income.

Practice

Try these in order.

5.1 What are *living standards*? [1]

5.2 Give one measure of living standards. [1]

5.3 Besides money, name one thing that affects living standards. [1]

5.4 What is *poverty*? [1]

5.5 Why can poverty trap people? [1]

5.6 Challenge. Two countries have the same GDP per person, but one has far better health and schooling. Explain which likely has the higher living standards. [2]