

Factfulness - Card Sort

<p>You survive on \$1 per day</p>	<p>You've quadrupled your income to \$4 per day.</p>
<p>You work multiple jobs, up to 16 hours per day, seven days a week and manage to quadruple your income to \$16 per day</p>	<p>You have more than \$32 per day. You are a rich consumer and three more dollars per day would make little difference to your everyday life. That's why you think three dollars, which can change the life of someone in extreme poverty, is not a lot of money.</p>
<p>Your five children have to spend hours walking barefoot with your single plastic bucket, back and forth, to fetch water from a dirty mud hole and hour's walk away.</p>	<p>You can do a lot more with this additional money. You can afford chickens which means eggs. You have some money to buy sandals for your children, and a bike and more plastic buckets. Now it takes only half an hour to fetch water for the day.</p>
<p>Your savings are impressive, and you install a cold-water tap. No more fetching water.</p>	<p>Of course, you have hot and cold water indoors. Some of you might even have a freshwater swimming pool to cool you down in the summer months.</p>
<p>On the way home from gathering water, the children also collect fire wood, and you prepare the same grey porridge that you've been eating at every meal, every day, for your whole life – except during the months when the meager soil yielded no crops and you went to bed hungry.</p>	<p>You buy a gas stove so that your children can attend school rather than collecting wood. When there's power, they do their homework under a bulb. But electricity is too unstable for a freezer.</p>

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<p>With a stable electricity supply, homework improves, and you can buy a fridge that lets you store food and serve different dishes every day.</p>	<p>Electricity is taken for granted. It supplies our homes and businesses with constant power that means that we are able to charge our phones, our WIFI is constant and air conditioning and heating is abundant.</p>
<p>One day your youngest daughter develops a nasty cough. Smoke from the indoor fire in weakening her lungs. You can't afford the antibiotics, and one month later she is dead. This is extreme poverty.</p>	<p>You save up for mattresses, so you don't have to sleep on the mud floor. Life is much better now, but still very uncertain. A single illness, and you would have to sell most of your possessions to buy medicine. That would throw you back to Level 1 again.</p>
<p>You save up for a motorcycle, which means you can travel to a better paying job at a factory in town. Unfortunately, you crash on the way there one day and you have to use the money you saved for your children's education to pay medical bills. You recover thanks to your savings and are not thrown back a level.</p>	<p>You have more than 12 years of education and you have been on a plane on vacation. You might have visited more than one continent.</p>
<p>Your life continues to be a struggle. If you are lucky, your crops grow well and you can sell the extra to earn \$2 more per day. This would move you to the next level. Good luck.</p>	<p>Another \$3 a day would be good but to experience really drastic improvement you need to quadruple your income again. If you get a job in a local garment (clothes) factory, you will be the first person in your family to bring home a regular salary.</p>
<p>Two of your children start school. If they manage to finish, they will get a better paying job than you ever had. To celebrate, you take your family on their first ever holiday. One afternoon to the beach, just for fun.</p>	<p>Since you are completing this activity, the chances are that you live in the top level. It I don't have to describe life in this level for you to understand. The difficulty is when you have always known this level of income, how do you understand life in the other three levels? We must struggle hard to understand the life of the other 6 billion</p>

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Roughly two billion people live like this today.	Roughly one billion people live like this today.

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