

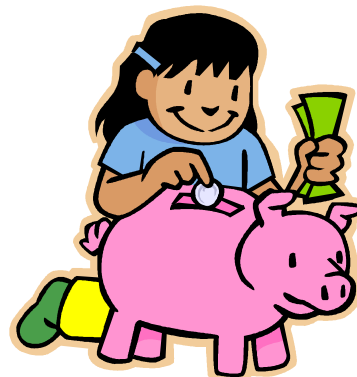
Income – can getting married affect its size?

1. Introduction

It is a fact of life that we must all have some source of income. The size of that income is one factor that will determine whether or not you are able to do certain things in life.

It is also a fact that some people earn more than others. What factors might explain the size of a person's income?

List as many as you can. Do you have any evidence for including the factors you have? Is it sufficient evidence to justify the inclusion?



2. Ben wonders about marriage.

While having a general chit-chat the other day after tennis, some of Ben's friends said that married people earned more (individually) than single people. Being single, Ben thought maybe getting married was an easy way to increase his income.

He asked his friends for the evidence behind their claims and they said they had read it somewhere, but could not remember where.

How might Ben proceed to find evidence that either supports or refutes this claim?

3. Help Ben.

See if you can find evidence that either supports or refutes this claim. Your teacher may be of some help.

4. What (other) factors may affect income size?

In part one you made a list of factors you felt might affect income. For those you listed and did not have sufficient evidence for try to find some evidence. Your teacher may be of some help.