

 BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

Categorizing expenses in any language

To control your cash flow and follow a budget, it helps to understand and manage different types of expenses. Fixed expenses are things that cost generally the same amount every month (like rent or a car payment), while variable expenses change from month to month (like groceries or medical bills).

Instructions

- 1 Speaking conversationally to your partner in the language you're studying, brainstorm monthly expenses that go into running a household. Think of your own family or adults you know. What bills do they pay?
- 2 Using appropriate vocabulary from your target language, list at least eight examples of monthly expenses in the "Monthly expenses" table.
- 3 Label each expense as fixed or variable.
- 4 Answer the reflection questions.



Monthly expenses	Mark F if fixed or V if variable
Groceries	V
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	

Reflection questions

1. If you want to save some money each month, which of the above expenses would be easier for you to reduce? Which expenses would be harder for you to reduce? Why? Write your response in the language you're studying.

2. How are your selections different from your classmates' choices? What might be the reasons for these differences? Write your response in the language you're studying.