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## Half of world's richest 1% live in US

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Half of the richest one per cent of people in the world live in the United States. This figure comes from a World Bank economist called Branko Milanovic. His new book "The Haves and the Have-Nots" looks at how money is spread around the world. He found there are 60 million people in the world on \$34,000 a year, after tax, and 29 million of these live in the U.S. He said this amount is for each person, so a family of four would need to make \$136,000 to be among the richest one per cent.

There are four million people in Germany who get a post-tax salary of \$34,000. The rest are in Europe, Latin America and a few Asian countries. Milanovic also says that middle class in America is different from other countries. Most middle class people outside America do not own their own home, have a car or save for retirement and their kids' college education. His book says there is a growing middle class in the world's most populated countries, China and India, but it is still very small and most Chinese and Indians are poor.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120106-worlds\\_richest.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120106-worlds_richest.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Half of the richest one     | a. to make \$136,000    |
| 2. The Haves and the           | b. around the world     |
| 3. how money is spread         | c. Have-Nots            |
| 4. this amount is for          | d. richest one per cent |
| 5. a family of four would need | e. per cent of people   |
| 6. among the                   | f. each person          |

## Paragraph 2

- |                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. post-tax         | a. retirement          |
| 2. The rest are     | b. home                |
| 3. middle           | c. salary              |
| 4. own their own    | d. populated countries |
| 5. save for         | e. in Europe           |
| 6. the world's most | f. class               |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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\_\_\_\_\_ one per cent of people in the world live in the United States. This \_\_\_\_\_ a World Bank economist called Branko Milanovic. His new book "The Haves and the Have-Nots" looks at \_\_\_\_\_ around the world. He found there are 60 million people in the world on \$34,000 a year, \_\_\_\_\_, and 29 million of these live in the U.S. He said this amount \_\_\_\_\_, so a family of four would \_\_\_\_\_ \$136,000 to be among the richest one per cent.

There are four million people in Germany \_\_\_\_\_ salary of \$34,000. \_\_\_\_\_ Europe, Latin America and a few Asian countries. Milanovic also says that middle class in America \_\_\_\_\_ other countries. Most middle class people outside America do not \_\_\_\_\_ home, have a car or \_\_\_\_\_ and their kids' college education. His book says there is a growing middle class in the world's \_\_\_\_\_ countries, China and India, but it is still very small and most Chinese and Indians are poor.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Half of the richest one per cent (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people in the world live in the United States. This (2) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from a World Bank economist called Branko Milanovic. His new book "The Haves and the Have-Nots" (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at how money is spread around the world. He found there are 60 million people in the world on \$34,000 a year, after (4) \_\_\_\_\_, and 29 million of these live in the U.S. He said this (5) \_\_\_\_\_ is for each person, so a family of four would need to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ \$136,000 to be among the richest one per cent.

There are four million people in Germany who get a (7) \_\_\_\_\_-tax salary of \$34,000. The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ are in Europe, Latin America and a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Asian countries. Milanovic also says that middle class in America is different from (10) \_\_\_\_\_ countries. Most middle class people outside America do not own their own home, have a car or save for retirement and their kids' college education. His book says there is a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ middle class in the world's most populated countries, China and India, but it is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ very small and most Chinese and Indians are poor.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |             |                |              |
|-----|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) from    | (b) of         | (c) for      |
| 2.  | (a) statue  | (b) reckon     | (c) figure   |
| 3.  | (a) looks   | (b) look       | (c) looking  |
| 4.  | (a) tax     | (b) taxed      | (c) taxing   |
| 5.  | (a) amounts | (b) amounted   | (c) amounts  |
| 6.  | (a) be      | (b) make       | (c) do       |
| 7.  | (a) post    | (b) mail       | (c) letter   |
| 8.  | (a) rest    | (b) relax      | (c) break    |
| 9.  | (a) several | (b) few        | (c) various  |
| 10. | (a) another | (b) the others | (c) other    |
| 11. | (a) growth  | (b) grew       | (c) growing  |
| 12. | (a) stand   | (b) still      | (c) although |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. oleepp in the world
2. This fgireu comes from a World Bank economist
3. money is sdarpe around the world
4. \$34,000 a year, ftera tax
5. this oamnut is for each person
6. be nomga the richest

## Paragraph 2

7. four nimllio people
8. post-tax alasyr of \$34,000
9. idldem class in America
10. save for imrertneet
11. college nidaucote
12. the world's most pepdauolt countries

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120106-worlds\\_richest.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120106-worlds_richest.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( **1** ) Half of the richest one per cent of people in the world live in the United States. This figure
- ( ) There are four million people in Germany who get a post-tax salary of
- ( ) person, so a family of four would need to make \$136,000 to be among the richest one per cent.
- ( ) \$34,000. The rest are in Europe, Latin America and a few Asian countries. Milanovic also says that middle
- ( ) comes from a World Bank economist called Branko Milanovic. His new
- ( ) the world. He found there are 60 million people in the world on \$34,000 a year, after
- ( ) America do not own their own home, have a car or save for retirement and their kids' college
- ( ) class in America is different from other countries. Most middle class people outside
- ( ) book "The Haves and the Have-Nots" looks at how money is spread around
- ( ) tax, and 29 million of these live in the U.S. He said this amount is for each
- ( ) countries, China and India, but it is still very small and most Chinese and Indians are poor.
- ( ) education. His book says there is a growing middle class in the world's most populated

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. of one of Half richest cent the per people.

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2. comes economist from a This World figure Bank.

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3. world the around spread is money How.

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4. \$34,000 on world the 60 in people million.

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5. this He person for amount said is each .

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6. post - tax salary People in Germany who get a.

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7. America from in different countries class is other Middle.

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8. people America Most class outside middle.

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9. retirement for save or car a Have.

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10. growing says a class book is middle His there.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. RICH:** Search the Internet and find more information about the world's richest people. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about being rich. Include an imaginary interview with a very rich person. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on being rich. Ask him/her three questions about being rich. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.