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Gross National Happiness

Most countries have got something called a GNP: a gross national product. A GNP is a collection of information about the **economy**. It tells how much money a country makes. For some countries, the GNP is the best way to **measure** success.

But that is not true about Bhutan, a small country that shares borders with India and China. The **government** of Bhutan doesn't think that money is the best way to measure success.

Bhutan's king and prime minister both think that happiness is more important than money. So, Bhutan has got a GNH index. It measures gross national happiness!

The GNH index uses data about the Bhutanese people's happiness, education, health, culture, community and more. If many people have got low levels of happiness in an area, the government tries to help. The government makes and changes laws and policies so that the people can be happier.

Bhutan is the only country that has got a GNH index, and this isn't surprising. Even Bhutan's prime minister says that measuring happiness is difficult! But he also says that it's necessary, and most Bhutanese citizens agree.

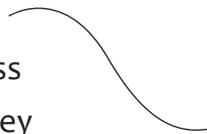


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1 Read and answer. According to the article, what data does the GNH index use?

education _____

2 Read and match.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most countries have got a gross national 2. Bhutan has got a gross national happiness 3. Bhutan's government doesn't think money 4. Bhutan's king thinks that happiness is more 5. The GNH has got information about people's 6. Many Bhutanese people agree that it's 7. The government uses the GNH to make |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> difficult to measure happiness. is the most important thing. product. happiness and health. index. better laws and policies. important than money. |
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3 Stop and Think! How do you measure happiness?

Glossary.....

- gross:** total
- economy:** a country's money and resources
- measure:** to calculate size
- government:** the administration of a country