## Understanding Net Worth

## Lesson <br> Question

Lesson Goals


## Words to Know

Fill in this table as you work through the lesson. You may also use the glossary to help you.

|  | the value of ownership in an asset in excess of <br> debts owed on it |
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|  | things owned that have economic value |
|  | debts owed |
|  | a statement of the difference between what is <br> owned (assets) and what is owed (liabilities), <br> usually calculated annually |
|  | a summary of your assets, liabilities, and <br> net worth at a specific period in time; usually <br> calculated monthly or quarterly |
|  | a statement of net income, or revenues minus <br> expenses |

## Instruction

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## Income and Expenses

Income is money you


- Wages

- Bonuses
- Allowance
- Investments

- Utilities
- Food
- Clothing
- Transportation
- Medical insurance


## Income Statements

An income statement shows net income.


Circle Net Income on the statement.

| Theresa Smith <br> Monthly Income Statement <br> September 2013 |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Income (after taxes) |  |  | Total income |
| Wages | $\$ 2,500$ |  | $\$ 2,500$ |
| Expenses |  |  |  |
| Food | $\$ 150$ | Clothing | $\$ 50$ |
| Rent | $\$ 700$ | Medical Insurance | $\$ 60$ |
| Transportation | $\$ 80$ | Car Insurance | $\$ 40$ |
| Total expenses: |  | $\$ 1,080$ |  |
| Net income (income - expenses): | $\$ 1,420$ |  |  |

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## Examples of Assets

Assets are things you $\square$ that have economic value.

- House
- Car
- Computer
- Artwork
- Furniture
- Savings account
- Stocks


## Examples of Liabilities

Liabilities are debts you $\square$ to an outside lender.

- Mortgage
- Rent payment
- Car loan
- Student loan
- Credit card bills


## Calculating an Asset's Equity

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Equity represents
 in an asset.


A house is valued at $\$ 200,000$. The owner has a mortgage of $\$ 125,000$.

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The equity in the house is $\$ 75,000$.

## Personal Balance Sheet

A balance sheet is a summary of your $\square$, liabilities, and net worth.

| Theresa Smith's Balance Sheet (June 30, 2013) |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Assets |  | Liabilities |  |
| Cash | $\$ 800$ | Credit card | $\$ 300$ |
| Investments | $\$ 500$ | Student loan | $\$ 2,000$ |
| House | $\$ 200,000$ | Mortgage | $\$ 125,000$ |
| Car | $\$ 15,000$ | Car loan | $\$ 9,000$ |
| Jewelry | $\$ 700$ |  |  |
| Total | $\$ 217,000$ | Total | $\$ 136,300$ |
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## Calculating Net Worth

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Net worth is the $\square$ between the total value of your assets and your total $\square$

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Net Worth $=($ Assets - Liabilities $)=$ $\square$

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## Net Worth Statement

A net worth statement shows the difference between what you $\square$ (assets) and what you (liabilities). It reflects the financial status of an individual for a given year.

| Theresa Smith's Net Worth (Jan 1, 2014) |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Assets |  | Liabilities |  |
| Cash | $\$ 1,200$ | Credit card | $\$ 100$ |
| Investments | $\$ 900$ | Student loan | $\$ 1,500$ |
| House | $\$ 200,000$ | Mortgage | $\$ 120,000$ |
| Car | $\$ 15,000$ | Car loan | $\$ 8,000$ |
| Jewelry | $\$ 700$ |  | $\$ 129,600$ |
| Total | $\$ 217,800$ | Total |  |
| Net Worth $=($ Assets - Liabilities) $=$ |  |  | $\square$ |

## Using Balance Sheets and Net Worth Statements



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| Total | $\$ 217,000$ | Total | $\$ 136,300$ |
| Net Worth (Assets - Liabilities) $=\$ 80,700$ |  |  |  |

Remember, you want to shoot for a positive net worth. That means you own
$\square$ than you owe.

Lesson<br>Question

How can you determine your net worth?

## Answer

Use this space to write any questions or thoughts about this lesson.

