

Census 2020 Vocabulary

Directions: Match the words to their definitions. See #1 as an example.

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4. U.S. Constitution	d. necessary because of a rule or law
5. mandate	e. Someone who knows a lot about a particular topic or subject
6. redistricting	f. a change in something or the way something happens
7. decade	g. laws that govern the United States
8. boundary (ies)	h. official command
9. confidential	i. to have someone to speak, vote, or make decisions for you
10. shift	j. department of the U.S. government that creates the Census form and collects all of the answers
11. distribution	k. the effects of an action or event
12. mandatory	l. divide or organize (an area) into new political or school districts
13. initiative	m. collection of numbers which represents facts or measurements
14. advocacy	n. visible or invisible line that separates one piece of land from another
15. emergency preparedness	o. how something is spread or share
16. revitalize	p. not sharing the information with anyone else
17. statistics	q. to find out of the facts about something
18. expert	r. showing support for a group of people
19. data	s. official/legal promise to do something
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21. repercussions	u. 10 years
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Census Vocabulary - Listening Dictation - Teacher's Script

The 2020 Census will begin April 1, 2020. The census is one of the most important jobs for both the U.S. government and people living in this country. We have a representative government and we must know how many people are living and where they live. If 1 million people live in a city, they need more representation than people who live in a city with only 20,000 residents. Even though some people have fears about completing the census, everyone must do it!

Some people worry about sharing their information with the government, but they shouldn't worry because there are laws that protect people's information and privacy. All (1) Census Bureau employees must take an (2) oath to keep everyone's information (3) confidential. If they share people's information with other agencies there will be (4) repercussions. For example, they could go to prison for 5 years or pay a large fine of \$250,000.00. People's private information from the census can only be used for (5) statistics, it can not be used to get people in trouble with the law.

All people living in the U.S. must complete the census. It is (6) mandatory. The (7) U.S. Constitution (8) mandates that all people must be counted so that there is fair (9) representation in Congress. After the census is finished the government will use the (10) data to draw new (11) boundaries for political districts. This process is called (12) redistricting. Sometimes this means that each state will have a different number of representatives in the US House of Representatives. After the census in 1990, California was (13) reapportioned, and we lost a representative in Congress. The representative was gone for a (14) decade, until the 2000 census. Even though there are (15) shifts in the population all the time, the process of (16) redistricting only happens every 10 years.

Census (17) data is used for many things that benefit the community, not just for the number of representatives in Congress. The federal government gives about \$675 billion to the states and counties. The (18) distribution of this money is (19) determined by census (20) data. States and counties can use this money to build new roads, hospitals and schools. Cities can use the money to plan for (21) emergency preparedness so they know how many people might need help if there is a natural disaster. Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and (22) revitalize old neighborhoods. Residents use the census to support community (23) initiatives that improve people's quality of life. Non-profit organizations use the census for (24) advocacy work to help groups of people like low-income families, children, seniors and the homeless.

You don't have to be an (25) expert to complete the census form. You don't need to read or write in English to complete the form. The census is translated into 12 languages online and printed in English and Spanish. If you don't complete your census a census worker, called an Enumerator, will come to your house and get the missing information. You can also call to talk to someone on the phone and give your answers that way.

Remember, the census is mandatory! All people in the U.S. must be counted. Our community will benefit if all people are counted.

Large (or small) Group Discussion Questions:

1. When will the census start and who needs to do complete the form?
April 1, 2020, everyone living in the US
2. Why is the census so important in this country?
Because we have a representative government and we need to know how many people are living and where they live so there is fair representation in government, and for distribution of federal dollars
3. What are possible repercussions of not counting people who live in a community?
The community could lose federal money for schools, hospitals, services etc. and/or representation in congress
4. Who uses the census data? What do they use it for?
The government uses census data for redistricting for congress and for distributing money, real estate developers for new homes and revitalizing neighborhoods,, counties for building schools and hospitals, nonprofits for advocacy, residents for community initiatives
5. If your family members or friends don't speak English how can they get help completing the census form?
They can fill out paper form in Spanish, fill out online form in 12 different languages, call to get help from hotline or ask friends and family to help

Census Vocabulary - Listening Dictation

Directions: Listen to your teacher read aloud and read along her. Listen for the missing words from your vocabulary list and fill them in on the blank spaces. Once the teacher has read the essay 2-3 times review the answers with your classmates.

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Remember, the census is (26) _____! All people in the U.S. must be counted. Our community will benefit if all people are counted.

Discussion Questions: Re-read the essay once all of the words have been filled in, and then answer the following questions with your classmates.

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