The census
- counts all of the people living in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas
- is the law
- happens every 10 years
- asks about each person in the home

March 2020
- every house and apartment will get a Census 2020 form

April 2020
- every household in the USA must respond to the Census
- adults must answer the questions for the children
- you can answer the questions on the computer, or on paper, or on the telephone

May 2020
- Census workers will come to your house and ask the questions if you don’t finish in April

Who is counted?
- Adults
- children
- babies
- immigrants
- citizens
- non-citizens
- EVERYONE!

Why: The census helps the government decide how and where to spend our tax money. The money goes to:
- new roads
- schools and services for children
- hospitals
- healthcare programs
- seniors
- disabled people
- adult education programs
Private: Your information on the Census is private. It is illegal for Census workers to share your information. Census workers can go to jail if they share your private information.

**Directions:** After reading the “Census 2020 Facts!” sheet do the activities below.

**A) Vocabulary match:**

1. Census worker a. not shared
2. Private b. people living in one home
3. Illegal c. everyone needs to do it
4. It is the law d. against the law
5. Household e. an Enumerator

**B) Mark (T) for true or (F) for false next to each sentence.**

_____1. The census happens every year.

_____2. The census is the law. All people in the United States must be counted.

_____3. Each family will complete the census on paper, online and in person.


_____5. We need to do the census because we can get more money for schools, roads and hospitals if all of the people are counted.

_____6. It is against the law for census workers to share your private information.

**C) Re-read the sentences you marked as (F) false. Write the true/correct information.**

**D) Talk to your classmates:**

a) Why is the census important?

b) How does the census help people in our community?