Reasons to Complete the Census (Beginner level)

Directions: Match the pictures to the reasons. Write the reasons under the pictures.

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Practice Activities: Reasons People Need to Complete the Census

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NonCommerical / OER
A) Pair Work
Directions: Work with a partner. Take turns saying COMPLETE SENTENCES. Partner A points to a picture and partner B says the complete sentence. Choose the correct sentence starter for each reason.

*Some reasons can be used with all 3 sentence starters.

- Census information is important because we get money for ______________.
- Census information is important so that we can have ________________.
- Census information is important because we need ________________

B) Vocabulary Fill-in
Directions: Read the paragraph and fill in the missing words.

This April, all of the people in the United States will be counted in the 2020 Census. Census information is (1) ______________ for many reasons. If everyone who lives here is counted, our community gets (2) ___________ from the federal government for many things. We can have new (3) ____________, and (4) ___________. We get more funding for (5) ____________ and (6) _____________. We can get money for services for (7) ____________ and (8) ____________ for the elderly. There is also more money for (9) ____________ and (10) ____________ research. Also, we can have better plans for the (11) ________________ and (12) _______________. If people in don’t complete the census, our state might not have a fair (13) ____________________ in Congress.

C) Writing Sentences
Directions: Read the key word and write the reason the census is important. Write complete sentences! Use the sentence starters at the top of this page, or write your own. When you are finished writing, review your sentences with your classmates and the teacher.

1. (transportation) _______________________________________________________________________

2. (education) __________________________________________________________________________

3. (research) ____________________________________________________________________________

4. (roads) ______________________________________________________________________________

5. (representatives in Congress) ____________________________________________________________________

ANSWER KEY
Reasons to Complete the Census - Vocabulary Matching  
Beginner level

1. new roads  
2. services for disabled people  
3. new hospitals and medical research  
4. funding for schools  
5. senior centers for the elderly  
6. school lunch for children  
7. a fair number of representatives in Congress  
8. better plans for natural disasters  
9. better plans for the military  
10. scientific research  
11. public transportation services  
12. funding for adult education

Vocabulary Fill-in

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