Worksheet: How the Census helps people

Task 1

What do these words mean?





You can use your dictionary or work with your classmates.

Word	Your language
remote	
connect	
route	
charity	
cheap	
find out	

Task 2



Read this text.

How the Census helped remote communities



The Census helped the Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation (CRAC) in Queensland.



CRAC provides a bus service for people in the remote community of Coen to participate in programs.



Coen Bus also supports travel to external community events and programs in the wider region.



CRAC is a charity.



CRAC uses Census information to plan programs to get the local people involved in social activities like bingo nights.



The Coen bus connects people with community programs like health challenges, family respite and men's/women's groups.



It also helps larger families who may not have the car space for each family member to participate in programs and workshops.

Task 3



Discuss with your classmates.

- 1. How did the Census help the Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation (CRAC)?
- 2. How does Coen Bus help the community?
- 3. How could the Census help your community?

Task 4



Finish these sentences.



Choose from the word bank.

How counting helps

	Word bank	
bus routes	schools	maternity services
health care	English classes	roads

1. The Census counts how many people live in remote places.



This helps the government to plan ______.

2. The Census counts how many people are sick.

This helps the government to plan ______.

3. The Census counts how many people are children.

This helps the government to plan ______.

4. The Census counts how many people speak another language at home.

This helps the government to plan ______.

5. The Census counts how many people **drive cars**.

This helps the government to plan ______.

6. The Census counts how many people have babies.

This helps the government to plan ______.

Task 5



Talk to your classmates about task 4.



Add 2 more ideas.

1.	The Census counts how many people		
	This helps the government to plan		
2.	The Census counts how many people		

This helps the government to plan ______.



Task 6



Discuss with your classmates.

- 1. How could the Census help your community?
- 2. Write a list.



Teachers

To extend your students:

- do an additional activity with the 'How the Census has helped migrants' case study on page 13 of the lesson guides. For example, you could do a dictogloss, or you could make the text a cloze activity
- try one of the further activities on page 22 of the lesson guides.