

Worksheet: What is the Census?

Task 1



Write the word next to the meaning.



You can use your dictionary or work with your classmates.

confidential

services

ancestry

income

household

plan

every

optional

Word	Meaning
household	A home and all the people living in it.
	Things such as schools, hospitals and roads that are provided for the community.
	Decide on things to do in the future.
	All of the things or all of the people.
	Something you do not have to do.
	The people you came from.
	Something that is not shared with other people.
	Money you get for working.

Task 2



Read this text. Your teacher can help.

The Census



The Census will be on Tuesday, 10 August 2021.



The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) does the Census.



The Census counts every person in Australia on Census night.



Everyone who is in Australia on Census night must take part in the Census.

The Census form asks you about things like:



- where you live



- how old you are



- your ancestry



- your religion (which is optional to answer)



- your income



- your education



- who is in your household.

Is it confidential?



Yes. The information you give is confidential.

The information does **not** go to any other person or government department like:



- police



- Department of Home Affairs



- Australian Taxation Office



- family, housing, or community services



- Department of Social Services



- Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business



- Services Australia (Centrelink).



This is the law.

My English is not very good. Who will help me?



The ABS will help anyone who needs help with the Census.



There will be information in many different languages and a phone number you can call.



You can ask your family or friends for help too.

Task 3

Circle the correct answer.

Circle True or False.

	True	False
The Census is on a Wednesday.	True	False
You can't get help with the Census form.	True	False
You must take part in the Census.	True	False
The information you give does not go to the police.	True	False

Teachers

To extend your students:

- check their answers, then ask them to rewrite the false sentences so that they are true
- ask them to write a true/false activity for their classmates
- try one of the further activities on page 22 of the lesson guides.

