

# What is a Census ?



Is it a Boat ?  
Is it a Plane ?  
Is it a Birthday card  
to send to all of us ?

No, none of those, although the last silly suggestion has a hint of its meaning.

A Census includes **everyone** and is a simple collection of facts. It's not interested in your opinions but provides information on numbers of people in a country, where they live and work and the houses they live in.

Countries all over the world have Census's. The United States of America, Singapore and France had a census in 2000. Australia, Canada and the UK had them in 2001.

By looking at the suggested websites try to answer the following questions: -

- 1) What has the Domesday book got to do with the Census ?  
<http://learningcurve.pro.gov.uk/focuson/domesday/default.htm>
- 2) When did Britain hold it's first Census ?  
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/census.html>
- 3) How were slaves counted in the first Census of the USA in 1790 ?  
<http://infoplease.com/spot/census2.html>
- 4) Why is there a gap in the British Census in 1941 ?  
[http://maxpages.com/gooch/census\\_returns](http://maxpages.com/gooch/census_returns)
- 5) Why do people bother to fill in the Census form ?  
<http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/genfaq.htm#fillout>

- 6) What or Who is an ENUMERATOR ?  
Use a dictionary or read the census info on the various census sites  
e.g. <http://www.statistics.gov.uk> or <http://www.census.gov>
- 7) What is it called if only some, not all of the population answer some questions ?  
<http://www.stats.gla.ac.uk/steps/glossary> follow basic definitions
- 8) Explain what a household is.  
<http://www.familynet.co.uk/services/census.htm>
- 9) How often does a UK Census take place ?  
[http://maxpages.com/gooch/census\\_returns](http://maxpages.com/gooch/census_returns)
- 10) Find 5 countries which held a Census in 2001.  
[Search the web!](#)
- 11) In America how many Census 2000 questionnaires were sent out?  
<http://www.census.gov/press-release/www/2000/cb00ff04.html>
- 12) How many people lived in China in 2AD?  
<http://library.thinkquest.org/C004204/museum/fun2.html>