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Learn About and Take Your Own Census

Watch this Wonderama Video on YouTube: Wonderama House Party with Cathy Lacy! (If needed, use the video title to search for this video.)

The census is a survey given by the United States government. It aims to count every resident (or person who lives), in the United States.

The census:

- is given every ten years (It was most recently done in 2020!)
- asks everyone the same set of questions that takes about 10 minutes to answers
- asks for basic information about how many people live in a home and who they are
- helps the government plan for future
- helps the government decide how to spend money on things like schools and hospitals
- decides how many seats each state has in the House of Representatives

Take your own class census! Answer the questions in the chart below. (These questions are similar to the exact questions asked in the census. They are not the exact ones). Then fill in the graph on the next page and answer the questions about your census.

Question	Answer
How many people live in your home?	
How many females live in your home?	
How many males live in your home?	
What are the ages of the people who live in your home?	
How many pets do you have?	

Name:			

Fill in the graph below to show the number of each item there is in your home.

L	people	males	females	youngest age	pets
0					
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

Answer the questions below about the information you graphed.

- 1. Are there more males or females in your home? How many more?
- 2. Are there more pets or people in your home? How many more?
- 3. Are there more grown ups or kids in your home? How many more?