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FUERTES WITH THE 2010 CENSUS

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Another day starts at a modest little house in a neighborhood you might know.

Then you are ready to give your report in front of the class.

Wake up, sleepyhead!

Let's all be counted in the 2010 census— for a fuerte future!
Yasmin, did you tell your family about the importance of the census.

And how it is the way resources come to our schools and our community, and how no one can use the personal information we provide to the census, including immigration status.

Yes, teacher.

Another family looks ahead to a new day.

Good morning, family!
FRANKIE, CAN YOU FILL SOMETHING OUT FOR US?
WHAT IS IT, A FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FOR YASMIN? OR IS SHE GETTING ANOTHER SCHOOL AWARD?

I DON'T HAVE PAPERS, SO I DON'T HAVE TO FILL OUT THE CENSUS.

WE ALL COUNT IN THE CENSUS, PAISA. YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE PAPERS, THE CENSUS DOESN'T CARE ABOUT YOUR VISA OR RESIDENCY STATUS, AND THE CENSUS DOES NOT ASK ABOUT YOUR STATUS. YOUR INFORMATION IS PROTECTED BY LAW!

WHAT IS THAT? A COURT SUMMONS!? DID PANCHITO CAUSE ANOTHER RIOT AT DAYCARE?

OH FRANKIE, YOU'RE THE DENSEST—IT'S THE CENSUS!

ARE YOU SURE!? I AM WORRIED ENOUGH ABOUT THE ICE FINDING OUT WHERE I AM, COMPÀ!

NO, THAT 'S WHAT I THOUGHT. UNTIL I WAS INFORMED CORRECTLY BY A TOP EXPERT.
AND IF WE DON'T MAIL IT IN, A CENSUS WORKER WITH I.D. COMES TO OUR DOOR...

BUT THEY'LL NEVER ASK FOR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, CREDIT CARDS, IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS, HOME TITLES, LEASING AGREEMENTS, BANK DOCUMENTS...

OR CERTAIN PARKING TICKET INFORMATION!

I PAY MY TAXES, I FOLLOW ALL THE RULES! WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT WANT TO SNOOP IN MY LIFE? I THOUGHT THIS WAS A FREE COUNTRY!

IS THAT THE CENSUS FORM, FRANKIE?

YES, PAISANO, I HAVE TO FILL THIS OUT, IT'S THE LAW.

PAPI, THE GOVERNMENT ISN'T SNOOPING IN OUR LIVES. THEY JUST NEED TO KNOW SOME INFORMATION ABOUT US.

I DON'T KNOW. I ONCE SAW A MOVIE ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT SPYING. I THINK IT WAS CALLED "SANTO VS. THE MATRIX."
It began in 1790, when the young United States began its first census, as required by the Constitution. It took 18 months for federal marshals to complete that first count. When they started, there were only the thirteen original colonies, but Vermont and Kentucky joined the Union during the census. The entire population of the United States in 1790—the year of the first census—could fit into Los Angeles, which has over 4 million population, and the US back then had 3,929,000.
The data compiled from the census will actually be used to help our community. Our local and national governments use the information to plan on how to spend their money.

Today, as the nation grows in population and housing units, it takes ten years to prepare for the next census. Those conducting this year's census face the huge task of finding and reaching those living in every house from Hawaii to Maine.

Imagine, the 1790 census counted just under 4 million people.

The population in 2010 is projected to be just over 310 million.
BUT ALL THAT INFO WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COPS AND THE FBI!

AND THEY WILL COME AFTER ME FOR MY UNPAID PARKING TICKETS!

BUT MIJA, CAN'T OTHER PEOPLE GET AHOOLD OF THE INFO?

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT, WHAT I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT IS THAT NOSY NEIGHBOR DOÑA FISGONA.

IF ANYBODY CAN GET THEIR HANDS ON PRIVATE INFORMATION, IT'S DOÑA FISGONA.

THE FBI DOESN'T KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT YOU

AS I DO, BALD MAN.

NO, PAPI. INDIVIDUAL CENSUS RECORDS ARE NOT SHARED WITH ANYONE. DETAILED CENSUS DATA IS NOT RELEASED UNTIL 72 YEARS AFTER!

I AM MORE ADVANCED THAN ALL OF YOU. I AM PANCHITO OF THE FUTURE!
SO WE ANSWER THESE 10 SIMPLE QUESTIONS...

BUT THEN WHAT HAPPENS?

PAPI, THE INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND IT'S NOT THAT COMPLICATED OR INTRUSIVE. IT'S TEN SIMPLE QUESTIONS.

ALL OF THE COLLECTED INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND THE CENSUS WORKERS ARE SWORN TO SECRECY.

THEN, NONE OF THIS IS CONNECTED TO THOSE NOSE NUTSOS ON THE INTERNET?

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE SECRET INFORMATION, SIR...
10 Simple Questions

How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?

Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in question 1?

Is this house, apartment, or mobile home: owned with mortgage, owned without mortgage, rented, occupied without rent?

What is your telephone number?

Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be person 1. What is person 1's name?

What is person 1's sex?

What is person 1's race?

Is person 1 of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

What is person 1's age and date of birth?

Does person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?