

2020 CENSUS SAMPLE QUESTIONS A2

SAMPLE QUESTIONS - CONVERSATION PRACTICE

Note: You are ready to complete the Census by phone. You at this point have an invitation letter or the paper questionnaire; they should have a Census ID number. You will need this number when you call. By phone the questionnaire can be completed in English, Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin & Cantonese), Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese.

CENSUS TAKER:	Good morning! May I have the Census ID number please?
SELF:	Good morning! Yes, it is ZAY0-YRQL-JHRJ.
CENSUS TAKER:	Great! Thank you. How many people were living or staying in this house on April 1, 2020?
SELF:	2
CENSUS TAKER:	Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020, that you did not include in Question 1?
SELF:	No
CENSUS TAKER:	What is your telephone number?
SELF:	I don't have a personal phone at the moment. I'm calling from my friend's phone.
CENSUS TAKER:	That's ok. Your information will still count without a phone number. What is your name?
SELF:	Mary Hernandez
CENSUS TAKER:	Should I mark you as female on the form?
SELF:	Yes
CENSUS TAKER:	What is your age and what is your date of birth?
SELF:	35 and my date of birth is January 27, 1985.
CENSUS TAKER:	Are you Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
SELF:	Yes
CENSUS TAKER:	What is your country of origin?
SELF:	I'm from Colombia.
CENSUS TAKER:	What is your race? Hispanic isn't considered a race by the census. The options are: White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Other Asian, Other Pacific Islander or some other race. More than one may apply.
SELF:	If Hispanic isn't a race, I don't know what to select.
CENSUS TAKER:	That's ok. Your information will still count even without your response to this question. What is the name of the other person who lives here?
SELF:	Jessica Hernandez
CENSUS TAKER:	What is Jessica's gender?
SELF:	Female
CENSUS TAKER:	Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?
SELF:	No

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CENSUS TAKER	How is Jessica related to you?
SELF	She's my daughter
CENSUS TAKER:	What is her age and date of birth?
SELF:	She is 5 and her date of birth is 1/1/2015
CENSUS TAKER:	What is her origin and race?
SELF:	She is Colombian. I don't know what to pick for her race.
CENSUS TAKER:	It's ok. You can still submit the questionnaire without this information. I want to thank you for your time. That is all I need to ask. I hope you have a great day.
SELF:	Thank you! You too.

This activity can be taken a step further by testing student's comprehension. Instructors can cut up the conversation in strips and have students in pairs assemble the conversation. Then do the dialogue again for conversation practice.