## POPULATION CENSUS

## Ages 8-10 (Level 2)

| Description: | Learners will design their own census survey and gather and <br> analyze data on the people within their community to understand <br> their community better |
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| Leading question: | Can we conduct a census to learn more about our family and <br> community? |
| Age group: | $8-10$ |
| Subjects: | Mathematics (data handling) |
| Total time required: | $\sim$ 4.6 hours over 4 days |
| Self-guided / Supervised activity: | Medium supervision |
| Resources required: | Pen, paper, ruler |


| Day | Time | Activity and Description |
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| 1 | 5 <br> minutes <br> 20 <br> minutes | Introduction: <br> 1. Learners will create a census survey for their community. The purpose of a census is to find out the total number of people living in a place and understand them better by grouping them into similar categories such as age groups, gender, occupation etc. <br> 2. Learners will create this and then survey the population of their immediate community including their own and their relatives' households and their close neighbors. They will then try to find out how many people fall under each category (such as gender, age group, occupation, education etc.). They will also find the number of school-going children in their community. <br> 3. Learners will then write a short essay summarizing their findings <br> First, learners will create a census questionnaire with all the questions they want to ask participants. The learner will think about what they should ask and write the questions down. <br> Suggested questions: <br> 1. What is your name? <br> 2. How many people are in your home? <br> 3. What is the age of each person in your home, including you? <br> 4. What is the gender of each person? <br> 5. What is the occupation of each person in your household? <br> 6. Are they currently: <br> a. in school <br> b. not in school |


|  | 30 <br> minutes |
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minutes
7. Can you and everyone in your house read and write?

Learners will create categories for each of the responses.
Suggestions:
8. Number of people in the home:
a. 1-4
b. 5-10
c. More than 10
9. Age categories:
a. Under 18
b. $18-30$
c. $31-60$
d. Over 60
10. Education:
a. Not enrolled in school or college
b. Enrolled in school or college
c. Completed school or college
11. Gender categories:
a. Male
b. Female
12. Can you and everyone in your house read and write?
a. Yes
b. No
13. What categories can you add for occupation? Come up with a few options for occupation.

Note: If you add more questions, make sure to create categories for them.
The final questionnaire should look like the following:

1. What is your name?
2. How many people are in your home?
a. 1-4
b. 5-10
c. More than 10
3. What is the age of each person in your home, including you?
a. Under 18
b. $18-30$
c. $31-60$
d. Over 60
4. What is the gender of each person, including you?
a. Male
b. Female
5. What is the highest level of education of everyone in your house?

|  | 10 minutes | a. Not enrolled in school or college <br> b. Enrolled in school or college <br> c. Completed school or college <br> 6. Can you and everyone in your house read and write? <br> a. Yes <br> b. No (write the number of household members who are unable to read and write) <br> 7. What is the occupation of each person? <br> a. <insert occupation categories> <br> Create answer sheets following the template below for each person you interview: <br> Record the responses of the person you are interviewing and everyone in their house on separate answer sheets. For example, if Hassan's household has 4 family members, you will only interview Hassan, but you will record his answers to all the questions for each member of his family on 4 different answer sheets. <br> Group the answer sheets that belong to members of the same household together and write household 1 , household 2 etc. at the top of the page. <br> Critique and revision: <br> Learners present all the day's work (the questions, the answer categories and the questionnaire developed) to their class, parents or family members for feedback and suggestions for improvement. The class, parents or family members provide feedback using the following format: <br> Praise: What did you like about the learner's work done? Question: do you have any questions or clarifications about the work? Suggestions: In what areas does the learner need to improve their work? <br> Learners make the edits and suggestions (if any) to their work to make it better. |
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| 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1-2 \\ & \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | Today, the learner will interview his or her family and relatives and/or community members. <br> Ask the learner to think about how they can collect the information from the different people within their family/community. <br> Suggestions on how learners can conduct the interviews: <br> - In person (with social distancing) <br> - Phone/video call or SMS for relatives or friends who stay far away <br> - Guessing or asking family members if they know the answer for those, they cannot reach to conduct the face-to-face interviews |






|  |  | - What is the most important lesson you have learnt through this <br> project? <br> - What did you find challenging, puzzling, or difficult to understand? <br> - What question would you most like to discuss? |
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| Assessment <br> Criteria: | - Creation of questionnaire containing questions and response categories where <br> applicable <br> - Interviewing and collecting data for at least 10 people either in person or virtually <br> - Correctly analyzing results and answering questions listed on day 3 tasks <br> - Correct graphical representation of at least one data point using bar graph <br> - Creation of report with insight consisting of a few sentences on key information <br> gained from census survey and/or poster to address challenge faced by surveyed <br> participants |  |


| Topics/Concepts |  |  |
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| covered | - | Survey design |
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|  | - | Multiplication |
|  | - | Subtraction |
|  | - | Interpretation of the data |


|  | - Learners can reduce the amount of analysis and questions they answer at the <br> end |
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## Ages 11-14 (Level 3)

| Description: | Learners will design their own census survey and gather and <br> analyze data of the people within their family/community to <br> understand them better. |
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| Leading question: | Can we conduct a census to learn more about our family and <br> community? |
| Age group: | $11-14+$ |
| Subjects: | Mathematics (data handling) |
| Total time required: | $\sim 4.6$ hours over 4 days |
| Self-guided / Supervised activity: | Medium supervision |
| Resources required: | Pen, paper, ruler, protractor, compass |

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\hline 1 & 5 \text { minutes } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Introduction: } \\
\text { 1. Learners will create a census survey for their community. The purpose } \\
\text { of a census is to find out the total number of people living in a place } \\
\text { and understand how many of them fall into certain categories such as } \\
\text { age groups, gender, occupation etc. }\end{array}
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Learners will create and survey the population of their immediate <br>
community including their own and their relatives' households and <br>
their close neighbors. They will then try to find out how many people <br>
fall under each category (such as gender, age, occupation, education <br>
etc.). They will also find the number of school-going children in their <br>

community\end{array}\right]\)| After completing the census, learners will then identify one issue |
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| facing the community based on the results of their census. For |
| example, does your data reveal that there are a lot of out of school |
| children? Do you find that many adults are unemployed? |
| 4. Learners will then write a short essay or design a campaign poster to |
| address the issue they have identified from the results of their survey |






| 3 | 20 minutes | Learners will create a table summarizing the findings on age, gender, number of people and education from all the census participants in a tabular format in preparation for analysis. <br> See the example below: |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | House | Name | Age | Gender | No. of people in house | Education |
|  |  | 1 | Sarah | 30 | Female | 3 | Completed college |
|  |  | 1 | Ahmed | 11 | Male |  | In school |
|  |  | 1 | Kareem | 62 | Male |  | Completed high school |
|  |  | 2 | Sana | 16 | Female | 5 | In school |
|  | 40-60 <br> minutes | Analyz | your resu <br> In total, <br> This is ca <br> How man <br> What is t <br> adding al <br> (20+13+5) <br> What is t <br> How man <br> How man <br> What is t <br> middle va <br> $\circ$ <br> f | s, we <br> w ma <br> $d$ the <br> peop <br> aver <br> he ag <br> $\div 3=$ <br> aver <br> male <br> peop <br> med <br> e) fol <br> k at <br> m sm <br> unt how <br> e the <br> d the <br> dian. <br> its be <br> odd $n$ <br> ddle valu <br> mber <br> he sum <br> venth <br> age <br> er: | use the people liv mber of ave com age of $p$ and divid . The ave number ticipants ere emp age of pa ing these age colum st to bigg many age e) ddle valu middle and aft ber. For is the $s$ otal digit $f$ the two mbers) ribution <br> 34567 | ollowing prob in all of the bservations. <br> leted school? rticipants? Yo gy the num rage is also ca f people living did you find? yed? <br> ticipants? You steps: <br> $n$. Arrange th st <br> there are ( $m$ <br> in the ordere value should $h$ it if the total xample, if you venth digit in , for example, middle digits vided by 2 . To or 20 people w <br> 910111213 | g questions: useholds you surveyed? <br> can find the average by er of observations. E.g. ed the mean. <br> in the same house? <br> can find the median (or <br> ages in ascending order <br> bbe not all participants <br> age list. This is your ve the same number of umber of observations is have 15 numbers, the he list. If you have an even 20 digits, the middle value in this case the tenth and lustrate, let's say this is surveyed in ascending <br> 14151617181920 |


|  | 10 <br> minutes | - 10 and 11 are the middle values because there is an equal number of digits before 10 and after 11. There are 9 digits before 10 and 9 digits after 11 <br> - To find the median: $(10+11) \div 2=21 / 2=10.5$ <br> - 10.5 is the median <br> - Find the median age of participants in your data. <br> - What is the mode of the participants' age? You can find the mode by following these steps: <br> - Look at the age column. Arrange the ages in ascending order from smallest to biggest <br> - Is there an age that is repeated many times? What is the most frequent age that many participants share? This is your mode. You can also have two or more modes if two different ages are repeated the same number of times. For example, if Ahmed, Sana and Sarah were all 11 years old and Kareem, Mona, and Adam were all 20 years old, and three is the greatest number of times that a number is repeated in your data, then your modes are 11 and 20. <br> - What is the mode of people living in the same household? <br> - What is the percentage of females? You can find the percentage by following these steps: <br> - Calculate the total number of observations <br> - Calculate the number of females <br> - Divide the number of females by the number of observations <br> - Multiply the answer by 100 <br> - $\frac{\text { Number of females }}{\text { Total number of observations }} \times 100$ <br> - Frequency refers to the number of times one answer came up in your survey. For example, if 5 people said they completed college, the frequency of college completion is 5 . What is the educational category with the highest frequency? <br> Learners to compile and write the responses from the analysis performed on a sheet of paper. <br> Learners share the responses with their class, parents or family members. Parents or family members or the teacher will check if the learner has been able to perform the analysis well and provide feedback on any areas that need improvement where necessary. |
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| 4 | 30-45 minutes | Learners will represent some of the information from the survey in bar graphs. First, select 2-3 categories you want to represent. Suggestions: age, number of females vs males, education levels. Draw the graphs for the categories selected |


|  |  | Example: <br> - Draw a vertical line on the left side of the page and then draw a horizontal line starting at the bottom of the vertical line going right as shown above. These are your axes. The $y$-axis is the vertical line in the graph and the $x$-axis is the horizontal line. These two lines should intersect at the bottom left corner of the page <br> - The $y$-axis is like a vertical number line. You can write numbers in increments of 1,5 , or any interval. If you don't have many observations, you can write numbers from 0-10 with one digit intervals e.g. $0,1,2,3,4$ etc. In the graph above, numbers are written from $0-35$ in 5 -digit intervals ( $0,5,10,15 \ldots$ etc.). This axis represents the number of people surveyed. It starts from 0 and ends with the total number of observations. <br> - The $x$-axis represents the categories of your questionnaire. Draw rectangles representing the categories of age, education, occupation etc. as shown above <br> - The rectangles will be as high as the total number of each category. For example, in this graph, there are 30 male participants <br> - Color or shade each rectangle using a different color or shading pattern <br> - Can you find out the number of female participants in the chart above? <br> Another option is to represent some of the categorical data (like gender) using a pie chart such as the following: |
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|  | - Most frequently mentioned occupation <br> - Any other data you have collected <br> - Most frequently mentioned highest level of education <br> Literacy extension: <br> From your report, what is the biggest challenge facing the community? For example, does your data reveal that there are a lot of out of school children? Do you find that many adults are unemployed? Look at any of the other questions you could have added to the survey to see if it reveals anything else about the community. Write a paragraph on what can be done to resolve the challenge OR design a poster for a campaign to end this issue. <br> Learners can quiz family members on some questions to test how well they know their community! Learners will then share the results with their class or family by reading the report out loud and/or showcasing the poster they designed. <br> Overall Project Reflection <br> The learner will now think about the exercises they have completed all week and take note of any TWO of the following: <br> - What is the most important lesson you have learnt throughout this project? <br> - What have you found challenging, puzzling or difficult to understand? <br> - What question would you most like to discuss? <br> - What is something that you found interesting? |
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| Assessment Criteria: | - Creation of questionnaire containing questions and response categories where applicable <br> - Interviewing and collecting data for at least 10 people either in person or virtually <br> - Correctly analyzing results and answering questions listed on day 3 tasks <br> - Correct graphical representation of at least one data point using bar graph or pie chart <br> - Creation of report consisting of a few sentences on key information gained from census survey |


| Topics/concepts covered |  | - Survey design |
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|  | $-\quad$ Statistics: computing mean/average, median, mode |  |


|  | - Multiplication, division and percentages for two-digit numbers <br> Data handling: summarizing data, analyzing data and creating graphs <br> Interpretation of the data |
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| Learning outcomes: | - Designing and using a survey tool to gather information <br> - Calculating percentages with two-digit numbers <br> - Data handling: computing mean, median, mode, frequency <br> - Data handling: graphical representation of data <br> - Literacy: writing summary report and reading practice <br> - Statistics: interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables <br> - Statistics: solve one-step and two-step questions [for example 'How many more?' and 'How many fewer?'] using information presented in scaled bar charts and pictograms and tables |
| Required previous learning: | Multiplication and division with two-digit numbers |
| Inspiration: | N/A |
| Additional enrichment activities: | - Learners can add more questions to the survey and come up with the appropriate response categories <br> - Learners can section the data and analyze it according to a certain category. For example, they can calculate and compare the average ages of men and women in their data <br> - Learners can think about different ways to use this information. They can write a few sentences or a report on how their results can be useful for schools, hospitals, government officials etc. |
| Modifications for simplification | - Learners can simplify this project by reducing the number of questions or categories and/or the required analysis <br> - Learners can also simplify it by reducing the number of people they interview |

