

## Worksheet: How the Census helps people

### Task 1

What do these words mean?



You can use your dictionary or work with your classmates.



Word	Your language
remote	
connect	
route	
charity	
cheap	
find out	

## Task 2



Read this text.

### How the Census helped remote communities



The Census helped a service called Bodhi Bus in the Northern Territory.



People can catch a Bodhi Bus between remote communities like Borroloola, Bulman, Gapuwiyak, Lajamanu, Minyerri, Ngukurr and Numbular.



Bodhi Bus also connects these remote communities with Darwin.



Bodhi Bus is a charity.



Tickets for Bodhi Bus are subsidised by the government.



This means the tickets are cheap.

Bodhi Bus uses Census information to find out:



- how many people live in these communities



- what other bus routes can help the community.



Bodhi Bus helps people get to jobs and health services.



It also helps families see each other.

## Task 3



Discuss with your classmates.

1. How did the Census help Bodhi Bus?
2. How does Bodhi Bus help remote communities?
3. How could the Census help your community?

## Task 4



Finish these sentences.



Choose from the word bank.

### How counting helps

Word bank		
bus routes	schools	maternity services
health care	English classes	roads

1. The Census counts how many people **live in remote places**.

This helps the government to plan \_\_\_\_\_.



2. The Census counts how many people **are sick**.

This helps the government to plan \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The Census counts how many people **are children**.

This helps the government to plan \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The Census counts how many people **speak another language at home**.

This helps the government to plan \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The Census counts how many people **drive cars**.

This helps the government to plan \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The Census counts how many people **have babies**.

This helps the government to plan \_\_\_\_\_.

## Task 5



Talk to your classmates about task 4.



Add 2 more ideas.

1. The Census counts how many people \_\_\_\_\_.

This helps the government to plan \_\_\_\_\_.



2. The Census counts how many people \_\_\_\_\_.

This helps the government to plan \_\_\_\_\_.

## Task 6



Discuss with your classmates.

1. How could the Census help your community?

2. Write a list.



## Teachers



To extend your students:

- do an additional activity with the 'How the Census has helped migrants' case study on page 13 of the lesson guides. For example, you could do a dictogloss, or you could make the text a cloze activity
- try one of the further activities on page 22 of the lesson guides.