

These notes are intended to give further information about how to answer the *CensusAtSchool* Phase 10 questions, first published September 2010.

Please note that if you want to check the online questions, use the teacher username "TESTING" then this row of data will be deleted from the database.

There is a National Population Census in Ireland on 10 April 2011. The *CensusAtSchool* Phase 1 questionnaire was based on the UK National Census in 2001 so, ten years later in Phase 10, there are some questions similar to the national census questions plus a few extra.

We have resources ideal for an introductory lesson on the 2011 Census:

'Do you believe in numbers?'

'A Victorian *CensusAtSchool*'

'Charles Darwin's Census Form'

'What is a census?'

It is not necessary for learners to complete a hard copy of the questionnaire before entering the data online. However, learners will need to measure their height, footlength and arm span beforehand.

Interpreting Questions

Question 4 'Other European Country' includes European countries that are not part of the European Community and includes countries such as Bosnia and Croatia.

Question 7 The online version of this question has a drop down menu.

Question 8 The online version of this question has a drop down menu. It lists football teams from the UK premier league as well as Scottish and Northern Irish teams. Republic of Ireland teams are included at the end of the menu.

Question 9 This includes soft drinks at home or at school. Several drinks from a large plastic bottle should be counted separately.

Question 10 Household is a technical word and for most pupils it will mean all those living in their house or flat. Technically it means one person living alone or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address with common housekeeping

sharing at least one meal a day or a living room. So it could include a lodger but not someone occupying a self-contained flat in the house.

Question 11 In the last year means in the 12 months before the date on which they are filling this questionnaire.

Question 12 This includes a company car if it is provided for the use of a member of the household. Do not include vans.

Question 13 Only tick the box if the phone, computer, TV, i-pod or games console is the learners personal property.

Question 17 The online version of this question has a drop down menu.

Question 18 The online version of this question has a drop down menu. There is also an option to enter other subjects.

Question 19 If a pupil usually uses more than one method (e.g. walk to and from bus stops and take a bus in between) then record the method used to travel the greatest distance. If the method varies from day to day then record the method most frequently used.

Question 20 The answer can be as accurate as the pupil can give it. This might be to the nearest minute for those who live close; to the nearest 5 minutes for those who travel long distances. If the method of travel varies give the time for the most frequent method i.e. that recorded in question 19.
