



2011 Census Adult Education Kit

Student workbook

The Census and Statistics Canada

2011 Census

The census asks questions about every person who lives in Canada.

- A census is taken every 5 years.
- The next census is in May 2011.
- The answers are added together to provide information about the people in Canada.

What is the information used for?

Census information is important for your community.

It is used to plan for:

- schools
- public transportation
- daycare
- police services and fire protection.

Census information is **so** important, the law says **everyone** in Canada **has to** answer the questions.

Confidentiality

The law also says that Statistics Canada must protect the personal information provided by respondents.

Statistics Canada

Statistics Canada collects and publishes statistics for Canada.

The Canada wordmark is on all documents produced for the public by the Government of Canada. Census documents will have the Canada wordmark as well as an identifier for Statistics Canada.

They look like this:

Statistics Canada identifier:



Canada wordmark:

Canada

Exercise 1 – Conducting a student census

Write down your name and the names of each person who lives with you.

Write down each person’s age in the second column.

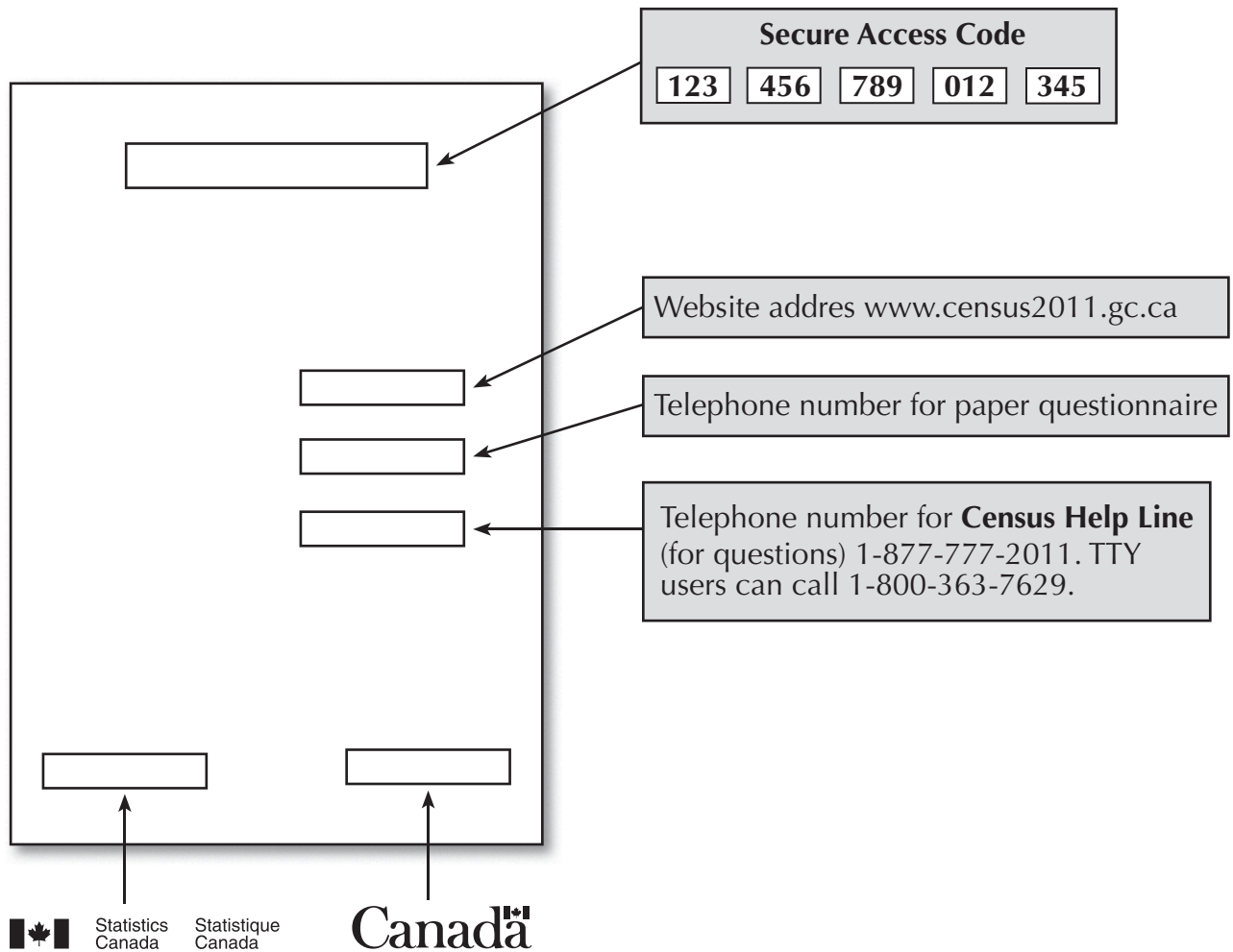
Mark each person’s sex in the third column.

Write down the language that each person first learned to speak and still understands in the fourth column.

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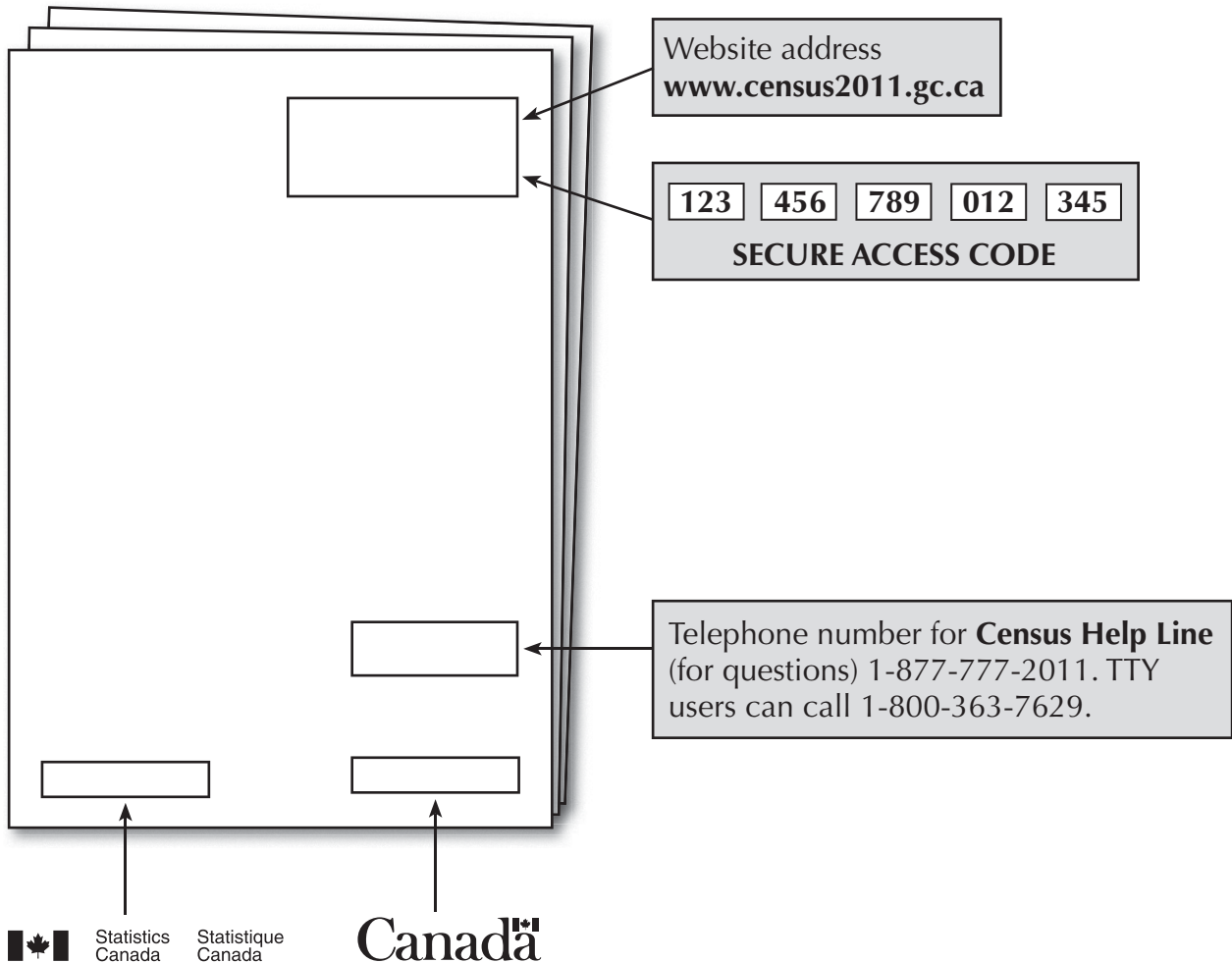
The census letter

On May 3rd, **letters** will be mailed to many households



The census questionnaire

On May 3rd, **questionnaires** will be delivered by mail or by an interviewer to other households



Complete your questionnaire online or by paper
as soon as possible!

Statistics Canada will send reminders in the mail, make telephone calls
and visit you in person if they don't get your answers.

The Census Help Line

The phone number for the Census Help Line is **1-877-777-2011**. TTY users can call 1-800-363-7629.

Call if you want to ask questions about the census. It is open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. seven days a week, starting May 2, 2011.

The census questions are available in several languages as well as in English and French. An interviewer will contact you if you need help in another language.

When you call the Census Help Line, be prepared to provide:

- your address
- your telephone number and
- the language that you speak if you have problems with English or French.

Also call the Census Help Line:

- if you need help to understand a question
- if by May 10th, you have **still not** received a letter or a paper questionnaire
- if you **lost** the letter or the paper questionnaire with your secure access code
- if you need a **second** paper questionnaire to include all of the people who live in your household.

Exercise 2 – Census steps: Filling in the blanks

Some of the more important census events are listed below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the words from the list provided.

questionnaire	secure access code
green	language
Canada	visit
Census Help Line	

1. You get a yellow letter in the mail. You know it is from the federal government because it has the _____ wordmark on it.
2. To complete the _____ on the computer, go to www.census2011.gc.ca and enter your secure access code.
3. You have a 15-digit _____ on your letter.
4. For help with the census, call the _____ at 1-877-777-2011.
5. If you want help in your language, the Census Help Line operator will ask "What _____ do you speak?"
6. If you need help in another language, the Census Help Line operator may tell you that someone will telephone you or _____ you.
7. If you complete a paper questionnaire, you must mail it back in the postage-paid _____ envelope.

Who in Canada is included?

The census wants to count every person who lives in Canada on May 10, 2011.

This includes:

- Canadian citizens
- landed immigrants
- refugees and people claiming refugee status
- people with work permits, study permits or other temporary residence permits.

Normally, one census form is completed for all the people who live in a household.

A household is a group of people who live in a **dwelling**. A **dwelling** has a **separate entrance** from the outside, or from a door to a hallway that leads outside.

Who in your household is included?

A building can have more than one dwelling. An apartment block with six apartments has six dwellings. In an apartment block, each dwelling has a separate door to a hallway that leads outside.

Even small buildings can have more than one dwelling. There may be one dwelling on the main floor of a building, and another in the basement or second floor of the building.

Each **household** will be asked to answer the census questions.

- yourself
- everyone else who usually lives in your household.

Here is a list of people who might live in your household:

- spouse
- children, including babies born on or before May 10, 2011
- parents
- other relatives (aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, etc.)
- roommates
- roomers or boarders (people who rent a room in your dwelling).

Do **not** include people who have a home somewhere else (in Canada or in another country) and who **usually** live at another address.

People who are **temporarily** away from the dwelling should be **included** on the census form.

Students who return to live with their parents during the year should be included at their parent's address even if they live elsewhere while attending school or working at a summer job.

Exercise 3 – Am I included?

Scenario 1

My name is Sayed. I rent a room from a family who lives in Ottawa while I attend university. My family lives in Toronto. I will go back home and live with them in two weeks, once my course is over. Should my father include me on his census form? What do you think?

Answer for scenario 1:

_____ Yes or _____No

Scenario 2

My name is Julie. I am visiting my Mother and father who live in Vancouver. I have brought my two-year-old daughter Sophia with me. My husband and I live in an apartment in Manitoba. Should my parents include me on their census form?

Answer for scenario 2:

_____ Yes or _____No

Scenario 3

My name is John. My wife and I are visiting my brother and his wife in Montreal. My wife and I live in England. Should I be included on my brother's census form?

Answer for scenario 3:

_____ Yes or _____No

Scenario 4

My name is Roberto. I live in Toronto, with my wife and my daughter Claudia. My son Aldo usually lives here too, but he has gone to Italy for the summer. Should I include my son Aldo on my census form?

Answer for scenario 4:

_____ Yes or _____No

Completing the questionnaire

People in every household will be asked to answer eight questions.

One person living in the household completes the questionnaire for everyone who lives there. This person must be an adult.

You must list everyone in the household in a specific order.

The person who is completing the questions is listed first, and is called **Person 1**.

The next person on the list – called **Person 2** – should be the **husband, wife or partner** of **Person 1** if there is one.

After the spouse or partner, each **child** should be

listed, usually **from the oldest to the youngest**.

If **Person 1** does not have a spouse or partner, then the **eldest child** of Person 1 would be **Person 2** on the list.

After children are listed, list other people who are related to **Person 1**. Next you would list any people living there who were not related.

Exercise 4 – Listing order for household members

Complete the table by entering the names of people who should be selected Person 2, Person 3, Person 4 and Person 5.

Sam is married to Maria.

Dominique is renting a room.

Sam and Maria's children are Lucas – 3 years of age and Juanita – 5 years of age.

Sam is **Person 1**. He will complete the census questions.

Person 1	Sam
Person 2	
Person 3	
Person 4	
Person 5	

Questions on the census questionnaire

For each person in the household, you will be asked to answer eight questions. These are:

- names
- sex
- date of birth and age
- marital status
- common-law status
- the language that was first learned in childhood (and is still understood)
- If you agree to let people see your answers 92 years from now.

You will also be asked to say **how** each person in the household **is related** to the person who is completing the questions – **Person 1**.

Do not forget to include all children, including babies, born on or before May 10, 2011.

Marital status

You will be asked about each person's current **legal** marital status.

For current legal marital status, you can choose one of the following answers:

- never legally married
- legally married (and not separated)
- separated, but still legally married
- divorced
- widowed

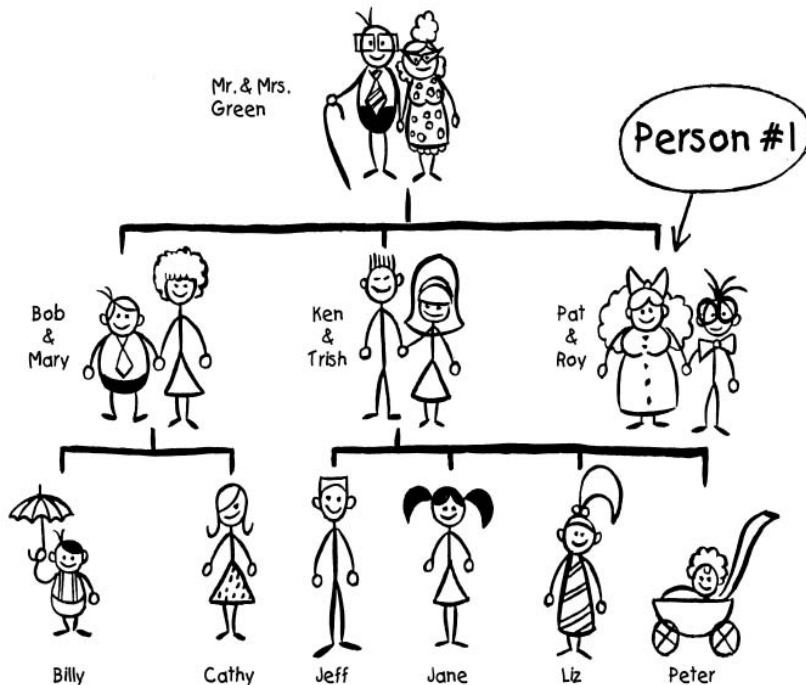
Mark the legal marital status for everyone in the household. The legal marital status for young children is "never legally married."

Exercise 5 – Identifying family relationships

This exercise uses a family tree that will help you to see how different people in a household are all represented in the census. By looking at the picture below, see if you can fill in the blanks on Pat's family tree.

Pat is **Person 1**. Person 1 can be male or female. Pat will fill in the questionnaire.

This is Pat's family tree. It shows the relationship of other people to Person 1.



Fill in the blanks with a word from the list below (words may be used more than once):

sister	brother	wife	father
daughter	brother-in-law	father-in-law	
son	nephew	sister-in-law	niece

1. Jane is Pat's _____	2. Ken is Pat's _____
3. Cathy is Pat's _____	4. Peter is Pat's _____
5. Mary is Pat's _____	6. Bob is Pat's _____
7. Mr. Green is Pat's _____	

Exercise 6 – Matching census terms with definitions

Column A lists some of the words that are used in the census. Match these words with their descriptions in column B. Write the number of the description beside the correct word(s).

Column A	Column B
Internet _____	1. married, widowed, separated, single
farm operator _____	2. a house or apartment with its own entrance
age _____	3. a form with questions on it
dwelling _____	4. people who are not married but are living together as a couple
common-law partners _____	5. a place you can telephone to get questions about the census answered
Census Help Line _____	6. the number of years you have lived
questionnaire _____	7. numbers that describe people or things
census _____	8. a group of people who live in a dwelling
household _____	9. a person who produces at least one agricultural product (for example crops or livestock) to sell
marital status _____	10. confidential, not to be told to anyone else
statistics _____	11. a complete count of the people of Canada
secret _____	12. a way you can complete the census questions with a computer