

# This week's story looks at events related to ...



# What's happening in the news this week?



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Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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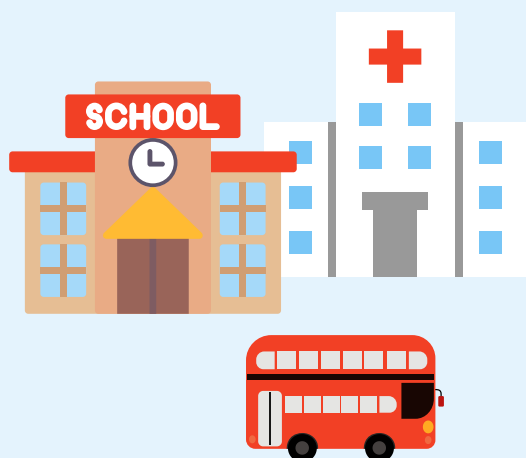
# How does every person count?





## Let's look at this week's story

India has started one of the world's biggest counting projects, its national census. People across the country will be asked questions about their homes and communities to help build a picture of life in India today. The information collected will help leaders make decisions about services and support for more than 1.4 billion people.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).





Read through the information below all about the census in India. Which parts do you think will be the hardest to do and which do you find the most interesting?

## India's Census

### 1 Planning the Census

Before any information is collected, the government had to decide on:

- What information to gather
- When the census will take place
- How millions of people will be reached

*India's census involves more than 3 million officials!*

### 2 Visiting Homes

Census workers travel to towns, cities, and villages across the country.

They may ask questions about:

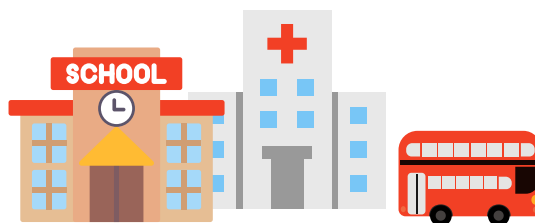
- How many people live there
- Ages of household members
- Languages spoken
- Housing and living conditions

A census is a way of counting people and learning more about the communities they live in.

### 3 Collecting Information

Information from millions of households is gathered and recorded.

*Imagine collecting information from more than 1.4 billion people!*



### 5 Planning for the Future

The information can help guide decisions about:

- Schools
- Hospitals
- Transport
- Housing
- Local services

### 4 Understanding Communities

The results help create a picture of life across the country. Leaders can learn:

- Where populations are growing
- Which areas need more schools
- Where healthcare services may be needed
- How communities are changing



**Pictured:** A census worker collecting data on an app.  
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Look at the resource below, which shows some things countries may need to plan for.



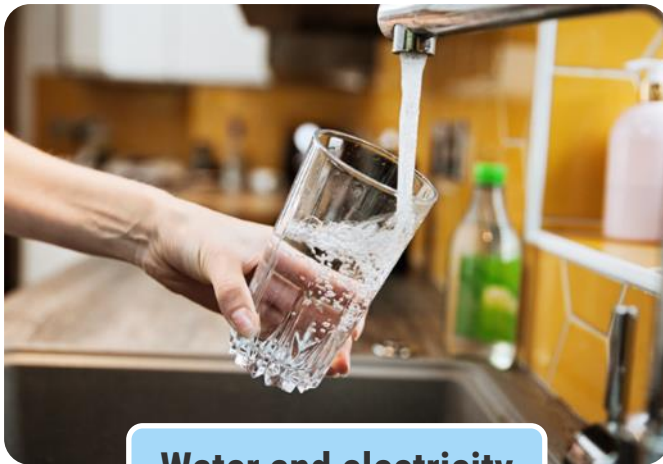
Hospitals and doctors



Schools



Homes



Water and electricity



Parks and places to play



Roads and transport

**Why do you think these places or services are important?  
Do you have enough of these in your local area?**

# Protected Characteristics



Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?



This story highlights all the protected characteristics. A census is a nationwide survey that collects information about every person in the country, ensuring everyone is fairly represented.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?



Sex



Who People Love



Age



Disability



Being Yourself



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion or Belief

# British Values



**I Really Do Matter!**



**Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?**



The story highlights **Democracy** because a census makes sure everyone is counted and included. This helps leaders know exactly what each community needs to build a fairer future.

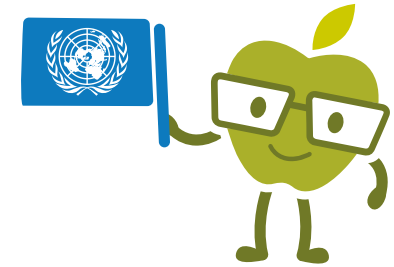
The story highlights **Individual Liberty** because the census helps find out what different communities need to live well, giving people choices and opportunities.



**Do you agree with either person, or think something different?**



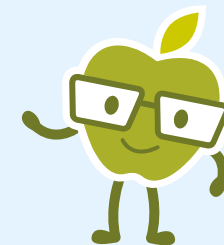
# UN Rights of the Child



To make sure every child can enjoy their rights, governments use a census to find out where children live and what they need. This can help governments plan things like schools, doctors and ways to keep children safe.



# Reflection



A census can be important in helping countries understand the needs of their people and then plan for the future. Each person also brings something unique to their family, community, and the wider world.

