

CensusAtSchool 2015/2016 Questionnaire

Teachers' Notes



This year *CensusAtSchool* is collecting data such as finger length, open hand span, and information on attitudes to money and how children use social media. The data are captured online and returned to the teacher in an Excel spreadsheet. There are ideas on how the children can analyse and present the data and suggested lesson plans available on our website. *CensusAtSchool* gives learners the opportunity to:

- complete the *CensusAtSchool* online questionnaire;
- make comparisons with learners from other schools;
- understand the importance of collecting accurate data;
- analyse real data.

Equipment Required:

- Computer room with internet access for all computers.
- Instruction sheet, '**Get Started Instructions for Learners**'.
- At least 2 measuring tapes (2 ½ metres long) to measure height.
- Graph paper and rulers to measure finger length and hand span.
- Some paper to record results.
- Your LEA and school code, found at education.gov.uk/edubase, or email us.
- Learners will need to know their school postcode also.

The whole lesson can be completed in 45 minutes, depending on the class size and how efficient the learners are at taking and recording measurements.

Instructions

1. Set up the classroom with three areas where learners measure their:
 - a) height (to the nearest tenth of a centimetre)
 - b) open arm span (to the nearest tenth of a centimetre)
 - c) Left index finger (in millimetres)
 - d) Right index finger (in millimetres)
 - e) hand span (in millimetres)
2. Paper or exercise books will be needed to record the measurements, or you may use printouts of the paper questionnaire to record results.
3. Learners should then visit censusatschool.org.uk/TakePart to enter their data, the '**Get Started Instructions for Learners**' may help guide them.
4. It may take 10 – 15 minutes to complete the online questionnaire. This will be shorter if the paper version has already been completed.

Following the lesson you can request your class's data from the *CensusAtSchool* website. Follow-up lessons are also available on the website.

In the event you finish sooner than expected learners could be asked to look at the the resource 'You are the Investigator', linked to from the 2015-2016 Questionnaire home page, preparation for this could include looking at the code sheet.