

The Census Counts (cont.)

Comprehension Questions

- 1. The U.S.A. takes a census once every**
(a) year. (b) five years. (c) decade. (d) century.
- 2. On a historical timeline, what happens last?**
(a) Every person in the U.S.A. must respond to the census questions.
(b) The government takes a census.
(c) Businesses make informed decisions.
(d) The government publishes the data it gathered.
- 3. A group of pediatricians examines the census data to help decide in which state they should set up their practice. What information would most interest these doctors?**
(a) the education level of people in each state
(b) the number of divorces in each state
(c) the average income of the people living in each state
(d) the number of children living in each state
- 4. Statistics are**
(a) pieces of information; often numerical facts. (c) tips about the stock market.
(b) government budgets. (d) estimated information.
- 5. Which of these questions would not be asked on the U.S. census?**
(a) What is your occupation? (c) Where were you born?
(b) What do you weigh? (d) What is your marital status?
- 6. Picture the pages stored on the CD-ROM that the U.S. government creates to make the census results public. What do you see on the pages?**
(a) private information about each specific person in the U.S.
(b) mostly photographs
(c) mathematical formulas
(d) graphs and charts showing data
- 7. Do you think that the census should be taken more often? Explain.**
