

Making the Census WEIRD



Give it a Listen: Season 3, Episode 16: The First Kids to Work at the Census/Rowan and the 3 Sloths

What's this activity about? Making up new, weird census questions, and asking those weird questions to your family and friends!

What stuff do I need to do it? Pencil, paper, and your Creator Club notebook

The First Kids to Interview Lee

In the story "The First Kids to Work at the Census," by a kid named William from California, the main characters dream of working for the census. Census workers are people who ask everyone in the whole country a few facts about themselves, to help count how many people there are. We started wondering, what if census workers could ask other, weirder questions, to find out *unusual* facts about people? For example, what if you wanted to find out everyone in your family's favorite kind of ice cream? You'd have to ask them: "What's your favorite kind of ice cream?" Then if you were like a census worker, you could write down the results and let everyone know.

What other census questions would you like to ask your friends and family? Here are a few ideas:

- What city were you born in?
- On a scale of 1-10, how much do you like lemonade?
- What's your favorite book?
- What's your favorite animal? (Dinosaurs can count as animals if you want)
- What superpower would you want? Why?
- Is a taco a sandwich (yes or no)?
- If the refrigerator came to life, what do you think it would say?

Or choose your own questions! Ask the people you live with, call friends and family from all over the place, and see how many answers you can get. Then write down the results and let everyone know!

ALSO, right now we are taking submissions for questions you would like to ask Lee, from the podcast. Have you ever wanted to ask Lee his favorite ice cream flavor, whether a taco is a sandwich, or any other question? Now is your chance! Read below in "Share It" to see how to send in a question by **Monday April 6th**. We will be choosing questions for Lee to answer live on Story Pirates Radio on Tuesday April 7th, so be sure to tune in!

Share It: To submit a question for Lee, or just to share any weird census results you come up with, visit storypirates.com/podcastbonus and log into your Creator Club account. Email creatorclub@storypirates.org if you have any questions.