This activity book is brought to you by the City of Santa Ana.
A special message to you:

The City of Santa Ana is pleased to make this 2020 Census Kids Activity Book available to you and all your classmates. The activity book invites you to explore all the reasons why you count…your wonderful qualities, favorite activities, interests and talents that make you unique and valuable. You are important to your family, your friends and your community!

The Activity Book gives you the opportunity to learn about the 2020 Census and why it is important that you and all your family members are counted. Why? Because your participation can make a difference in how much money Santa Ana receives from the federal government and how it is used for hospitals, playgrounds, schools, roads, housing and other important community services and programs.

We hope you enjoy this book and share what you’ve learned with your family. The 2020 Census begins on April 1, 2020 and our goal is for each person living in Santa Ana to be counted! Together we all count. Let’s make sure Santa Ana counts too!

Kristine Ridge
City Manager
City of Santa Ana
Everybody Counts!

I count! You count!

Your family counts, too!

I count! You count!

Your neighbors count, too!

The Census counts people.

Make sure it counts you!
What makes me... ME!

Think about what makes you special. Write it in the shapes!

[My Name]
All about

I am years old

I am interested in

I am already good at

MY PORTRAIT

I want to learn how to

Favorite activities

What I like about me is

Favorite place

When I’m older, I want to be

Favorite sports
Tell your friends what makes them special and how you feel about them! Cut along the dotted lines and hand out a card to each friend.
You Count. Your Community Counts.

Every person is special in their own ways and important to their community. **What is a community?** It is a group of people living or working together in the same area. People in communities might go to the same school, shop in the same stores and do the same things. They also help each other and solve problems together. If it's a bigger community, the people might not go to the same places, but they might like or believe in the same things.

In a way, bees and ants are a community. They live and work together, and solve problems by working together. Many animals live in their own kind of communities.

What kind of communities do you live in?

________________________________________

________________________________________

Let’s start with your family. They are a type of a community because they usually live together and do a lot of the same things. What do you do to help your family at home?

________________________________________

________________________________________

Then there are your friends. They are a community too. They share your ideas and probably go to the same school. Name two friends that go to your school: ___________________________

________________________________________

Your neighborhood is a community...your town or city is a community in your state. What is the name of the city and state you live in?

________________________________________

Your state is a community that is part of the United States. So what is the biggest community of all? ___________________________

Yes, and we are all part of it! Together, we can help each other and work together to solve problems. How can you help your community?
Instructions: Color in one apple each time you help out in one of your communities—whether it’s for your family, your friends, your school or neighborhood. Write what you did in the numbered lines. Some examples are below. When you’ve completed all the apples, color the rest of the tree.

- I cleaned my room.
- I was friendly to a new student in my school.
- I picked up litter on my street.
- I helped clean up the park.
What community do you live in?

The United States Census Bureau first published a map of the continental U.S. in 1854. As the United States expanded and cities grew, there was a need to have accurate maps to locate where people lived. Can you locate where you live?

California County Map

United States Map

How many counties in California can you count? ________

How many states can you count? ________

Santa Ana Map

★ Draw a star ★ where you live.

Santa Ana is the seat of Orange County. Can you find it on the map? With a population of 342,217, Santa Ana is one of the largest cities in the county!
In the United States, a census is taken every ten years, where every person living in the country—citizens and noncitizens, young and old, workers and non workers—is counted. The government uses census counts to decide how to spend money for schools, playgrounds, roads, hospitals, housing and other things. For each person NOTcounted in Santa Ana, our community loses out. Be sure you are counted because YOU COUNT!

Now color in the words “I COUNT!”
Find The Census Form!

The Census starts on April 1, 2020. Nearly every household will receive an invitation in the mail to participate. Every household can choose to complete the census form online, by mail or by phone. And it’s easy!

What’s important is that everyone in your home is counted, even young children and babies. Circle all the family members who should be counted in the 2020 Census. Then help the family find the census logo and form.
Start here

1. What is your name?
   First Name
   Last Name(s)

2. What is your age and your birthday?
   Age
   Years
   Month
   Day
   Year

3. What is your gender? [check a box]
   Boy
   Girl

4. Count the number of boys & girls in your classroom.
   Boys
   Girls

5. Count the total number of people in your classroom.

4. What subject do you like best in school? (check one)
   □ reading
   □ math
   □ spelling
   □ art
   □ social studies

5. Count how many friends you have.

6. Who are your best friends? (write their names)
   Name 1
   Name 2
   Name 3

7. How many people are in your family? (Count only those who live with you.)

8. What are their names? (write their first names)
   Name 1
   Name 2
   Name 3
   Name 4
   Name 5
   Name 6

9. What sports do you like most?

10. What is your favorite food?

11. What TV show do you like to watch most?

12. If you had $50, what would you do with it?

   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
Compare the Images: This family is getting ready to fill out its 2020 Census questionnaire! Compare the two illustrations side by side. Can you spot the six differences in the second image? Circle what’s different in the second illustration.

Guidelines
Complete this two-page activity sheet [front & back] for a chance to win a $50 gift card! Take a photo of both pages and email them to Lucy at lcastillo@santa-ana.org

To qualify: You must be 5-18 years old to participate. All activities, answers and information on the parental approval form must be accurate and complete. Photos of both pages must be emailed by April 30, 2020 to lcastillo@santa-ana.org in order to qualify and be entered into our drawing. A total of 80 entries will be selected as winners. City employees cannot participate in the drawing. Unclaimed gift cards will be retained by the Water Resources Division. For more details, be sure to visit our website: santa-ana.org/2020census.

Parental Approval Form
Any submission becomes the property of the City of Santa Ana and the submission may or may not be returned.

Yes, I have read the rules and guidelines above and understand entries that do not adhere to all guidelines will be disqualified.

Youth’s Name (please print)  Age  Phone number (please print)

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)  Date (please print)

Parent/Guardian Address (please print)  Signature Parent/Guardian Signature
Write one paragraph explaining why it’s important to participate in the 2020 Census.

Gratitude Mirror

Draw a picture of you!
Write a Letter to Your Classmates

You want to get as many of your classmates, their families and neighbors to participate in the Census 2020. Write a letter to them explaining about the purpose of the census, how the information is used by the government and why it's important that everyone is counted.

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Word Scramble: I Count!

Directions
Below are statements about what makes you unique and how you are a part of your community. Fill-in-the-blanks by unscrambling the words at the bottom of this page and placing them correctly in the sentences.

Messages
1. There is no other person in the world like you! You have your own interests, ____________, and dreams. You have your own special ________________ and qualities.
2. You are important to your friends, family and ________________ too.
3. Communities are groups of people living or working together in the same area. They also help each other to solve ________________.
4. Other types of communities are your ________________, your ________________, your neighborhood, your city and state.
5. Your ________________ is a community. Your city is a community in your state, and your state is part of the ________________.
6. I live in Santa Ana, the seat of ________________.
7. Santa Ana has the largest ________________ in the county.
8. The largest community we belong to is ________________.

Scrambled Words:
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Word Scramble: The 2020 Census

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2. The census counts both citizens and _______________________________.
3. The government uses the census to decide how to spend money for _______________________________, playgrounds, _______________________________, _______________________________ and housing.
4. There is a census in the United States every _______ years.
5. Some groups use census numbers to plan community ________________________________.
6. Businesses use census numbers to decide where to open ________________________________.
7. In 1990, there was an ________________________________ of almost five million people.
8. Everyone in each household needs to be counted, even young _______________________________ and _______________________________.
9. Your ________________________________ is protected.
10. In 2020, you can take the census ________________________________.

Scrambled Words

dcoteunrun _______________________________ odsar _______________________________
net _______________________________ osshlco _______________________________
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esotrs _______________________________ enlhrcdi _______________________________
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Name ________________________________

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6. I live in Santa Ana, the seat of Orange County.

7. Santa Ana has the largest population in the county.

8. The largest community we belong to is planet earth.

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epmbsrlo         problems         apipontlou      population    
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Answer Key

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UNIQUE
FAMILY
COMMUNITIES
IMPORTANCE
COUNT
INTERESTS
SPECIAL
PARTICIPATE
ININVOLVEMENT
TOGETHER

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