

Read the paragraph. Then fill in the bubble that best completes each sentence.

What is a census? A census is a count. Every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau counts people. It also finds out where people live, the kind of work they do, and other facts. The census tells whether the population of a state changes. The number of representatives a state has in Congress depends on its population. Census numbers are helpful in planning new roads, schools, and other things.



1. The main idea of the paragraph is

- ☐ A. how Congress changes
- ☐ B. why populations change
- ☐ C. what the census is

2. A detail that tells more about the main idea is

- ☐ A. how many people now live in the U.S.
- ☐ B. which states have the most people
- ☐ C. how the census numbers are used

3. The best title for this paragraph would be

- ☐ A. Every Ten Years
- ☐ B. The Census Counts
- ☐ C. Where People Live

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Marc Brown writes books about an aardvark named Arthur. Many of Brown's characters are based on people in his life. For example, Buster is based on a childhood friend. So is the character Sue Ellen. Two other characters, D.W. and Francine, are like his sisters in many ways. Another book character is Grandma Thora. She is named for Marc Brown's real grandmother.



1. The main idea of the paragraph is

- ☐ A. how Marc Brown started writing the Arthur books
- ☐ B. why Marc Brown's books have so many characters
- ☐ C. where Marc Brown's characters come from

2. A detail that tells more about the main idea is

- ☐ A. who Francine is based on
- ☐ B. why Arthur is an aardvark
- ☐ C. where Marc Brown grew up

3. The best title for this paragraph would be

- ☐ A. The Characters of Marc Brown
- ☐ B. Who Is Marc Brown?
- ☐ C. Meet the Real Grandma Thora

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An oyster lies on the warm sea floor. One day a speck of something gets inside the oyster shell. To protect itself, the oyster builds layers of a special material around the speck. The material is called nacre. After a few years a pearl is formed from the nacre. Someday a diver may find this natural pearl. It might become part of a valuable piece of jewelry.



1. The main idea of the paragraph is

- ☐ A. how pearl divers work
- ☐ B. how a pearl is formed
- ☐ C. what the material nacre is

2. A detail that tells more about the main idea is

- ☐ A. how natural pearls differ from cultured ones
- ☐ B. the names of the seas where natural pearls are found
- ☐ C. the role of nacre in forming a natural pearl

3. The best title for this paragraph would be

- ☐ A. How Natural Pearls Are Made
- ☐ B. An Oyster's Life in the Sea
- ☐ C. Using Pearls in Fine Jewelry