Andrea Stanford, Jessica Mooney, and Feyisola ("Fey") Akintola make up the Complete Count Committee in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Lesson 4: Women of the Complete Count Committee
A very important event with the American government (guy - ern - ment) is happening in 2020. Do you know what it is?

The event that is happening is called the U.S. Census (sen - sus)!

The census only happens every 10 years, and this year it is happening in April. A census finds out how many people live in the United States by counting everyone, using a short set of questions called a questionnaire (kw - est - shun - air). The questionnaires are either mailed to each house in the United States, or, someone might come to your door to ask the questions. Have you ever filled out a questionnaire in school or in SWSG?

Some people in America don’t know about the census. This can be a problem, because the government uses census information to decide which communities will get new services like schools, playgrounds, roads, and police stations. If the census is not able to estimate (est - i - may - t) or count the people in a community, some people might miss out on these important services.

In Pittsburgh, a few women working in local government formed the Complete Count Committee (co - mi - tee) to work toward a common goal of telling people about the census. The women’s names are Andrea (ahn - dray - ah) Stanford, Fey (fay) Akintola (ak - in - toll - ah), and Jessica Mooney. Andrea, Fey, and Jessica created the committee because they noticed not everyone was being counted in the census.

Through the committee, these women educate people about how important it is to fill out the census, because the census has an impact on our local communities. They do this by holding meetings in different neighborhoods all around Pittsburgh, answering questions, and helping people to understand why it’s important to be counted. Now, they are hoping everyone in Pittsburgh is “Completely Counted” in the 2020 Census!