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n.

1. An official, usually periodic enumeration of a population, often including the collection of related demographic information.
2. In ancient Rome, a count of the citizens and an evaluation of their property for taxation purposes.

tr.v. **cen·sused**, **cen·sus·ing**, **cen·sus·ed**

To include in a census; conduct a census of: *"Every plant one centimeter in diameter or larger is censused every five years" (John P. Wiley, Jr.)*

[Latin *cēnsus*, registration of citizens, from *cēnsēre*, to assess; see **kens-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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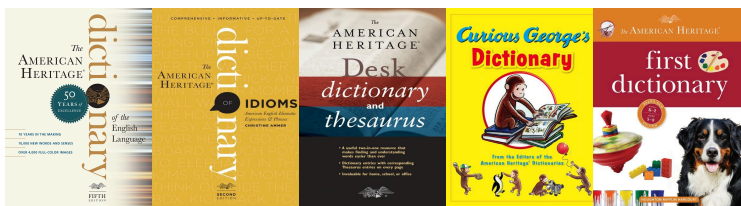
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