Canadian Century Research Infrastructure
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Definition: Refers to the ability of the person enumerated to write in any language.

Source: Census Question

The table below indicates, for each census year, the numbers of the census questions corresponding to this variable.

	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911	35				
1921	27	27	13		
1931					
1941					
1951					

Census Guide, 1911

A. Census Question	Can write.
B. Question Number	35 on Schedule 1.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	CAN_WRITE_INDICATOR
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1911.
E. Total Target Population	6,319,160
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated aged five years or more.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	**129.** Columns 33 to 37 relate to the education and language of each person named in column 3 of the age of five years and over. **132. Can write.** If the person can write in any language the question will be answered in column 35 by "yes," and by "no" if unable to write.
I. Remarks	To be determined

Census Guide, 1921

A. Census Question	Can write.
B. Question Number	Column 27 of Forms 1A and 1B; Column 14 of Form 1C.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	CAN_WRITE_INDICATOR
D. Reference Point	As of Census Day, June 1, 1921.
E. Total Target Population	8,788,483
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Every person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	**100.** If the person can write in any language the question will be answered in column 27 by writing "Yes" and by "No" if unable to write.
I. Remarks	

Codes:

1 "No"
2 "Yes"
99999001 "Blank"
99999002 "Damaged"
99999003 "Illegible"
99999004 "In Error"
99999005 "Suspicious"
99999006 "Missing -- Mandatory Field"
99999007 "Not Applicable"
99999008 "Not Mapped"
99999009 "Correction"
99999010 "Suggestion"
99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"
99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"
99999901 "None"
99999902 "Not Given"
99999903 "Unknown"
99999904 "Invalid Value"
99999999 "Uncodable"