

# Postcodes - English

In the *CensusAtSchool* children are asked for their postcode.

What information does this give us?

Let's use an example – ST10 4DB

The first one or two letters give us the area in the country **ST**10 4DB

Look on the map to find this.  
Often you can work out the town or city this refers to. In this case, Stoke.

- Which town or city do the following refer to?  
EX NR OX CT YO CF

The first letters plus the first number give the postcode district, ST10 in this case

Adding the next number (4) gives the postcode sector

The final two letters (DB) narrows the search down to a small area with 1 to 50 addresses in it.

The average number of addresses for an individual postcode is 17. Lots of websites and companies use postcodes to find out addresses.

- Look at Neighbourhood Statistics [www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination](http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination) or Google Maps or just Google your postcode to see just how much information you can find out from a postcode. Write down two things you have found out about your area that you did not know before.
- Identify the areas the following postcodes represent.  
ST10 4DB SW1H 0BG LS11 0ES NE69 7DF
- Compare the areas represented by the two postcodes:  
LS11 7DG and GU1 2JE  
  
State at least two features that are different.

