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Read each sentence below. Use the other words in the sentence to help you figure out the meaning of the underlined word. Fill in the circle for the correct answer.

1. Instead of making complete guesses about their populations, most countries take a census at least once every ten years.  
 popular vote  
 count of people and their data  
 optional interview  
 rough estimate of size
2. The German occupation of France lasted most of WWII, ending only when Germany withdrew in the months after D-Day.



4. The English kings and queens that lived centuries ago had much more power than the monarchs in that position today.  
 elected leaders  
 young leaders  
 leaders with little authority  
 single leaders of kingdoms
5. Parts of Pompeii were excavated from volcanic ash deeper than three men standing atop one another!  
 written about  
 protected  
 lightly covered  
 dug out

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- extreme lack of food
  - lowered prices of goods
  - lack of jobs
  - change in diet
7. The cavalry was an important army force because its members moved more quickly, with more mass, and with more height than others.
- soldiers with firearms
  - soldiers in boats
  - soldiers on horseback
  - soldiers on foot



- fought at home
  - following
10. The controversial new law was the topic of lots of heated public debate among both citizens and lawmakers.
- well-supported
  - inspiring different opinions
  - illegal
  - difficult to understand

Use context clues to identify and circle the two words that are synonyms.

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