

Using reference sources

This task is about sources for different types of reference information.



Circle the letter of the answer best suited to the question.

a) What information is most likely to be found on a globe of the world?

- Populations of major cities
- Names of the oceans
- A detailed map of New Zealand
- Photographs of other lands
- Main roads and railways

b) Where would you look to find out what day of the week Waitangi Day is going to be?

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| <input type="radio"/> An encyclopaedia of New Zealand | <input type="radio"/> A general encyclopaedia |
| <input type="radio"/> A year book | <input type="radio"/> A directory of holiday places |
| <input type="radio"/> A New Zealand calendar | |

c) To find a word with a meaning similar to a particular word, where would you look?

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| <input type="radio"/> A dictionary appendix | <input type="radio"/> A bibliography |
| <input type="radio"/> A thesaurus | <input type="radio"/> A glossary |
| <input type="radio"/> An alphabetically-arranged spelling list | |

d) Which of these would have the most information about the flags of different countries?

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| <input type="radio"/> An encyclopaedia | <input type="radio"/> An atlas of New Zealand |
| <input type="radio"/> A thesaurus | <input type="radio"/> A dictionary |
| <input type="radio"/> A book about signalling with a flag | |

e) Your local Lions Club are holding a fair this weekend and you want to find out what time it is on and where it is being held. Where could you go first for this information?

- The phone book
- Your sister
- The Yellow Pages of the phone book
- This week's local newspaper
- The library

f) You need to find a supplier of magnetic materials because your class is creating fridge magnets. Where would you be most likely to find names and contact details of suppliers?

- The White Pages of the phone book
- The newspaper
- The Yellow Pages of the phone book
- A friend
- Junk mail

g) For Social Studies, you need to find out how to contact emergency services if there ever was a civil emergency. Where would you go to find this information?

- A dictionary
- The local noticeboard
- The airport
- The pages at the front of the White Pages phone book
- The newspaper

h) When reading a non-fiction book, you want to find the meaning of a word that is related to the topic and used a lot in the book. What would you look for first?

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| <input type="radio"/> The book's content page | <input type="radio"/> The book's glossary |
| <input type="radio"/> The book's cover | <input type="radio"/> The book's chapter headings |
| <input type="radio"/> The book's index | |