

Dictionary Check-Up

TREND TASK

Approach: Station

Level: Year 4

Focus: Use of a dictionary.

Resources: The New Zealand Oxford Junior School Dictionary

Questions/instructions % responses

Use the dictionary to answer all of the questions. Write down the number of the page on which you found the answer. 2001 ('97)

1. Mere's grandfather is a **rangatira**.
What is a rangatira?

Answer: 85 (81)

Page number: 88 (85)

2. The smoke from the fire made my eyes **smart**.
What does smart mean?

Answer: 47 (35)

Page number: 89 (88)

3. What is the right spelling?
This is my best acheavement.

Answer: 65 (52)

Page number: 79 (67)

† different editions

Total score:	6	33 (22)
	5	32 (28)
	4	14 (17)
	2-3	14 (23)
	0-1	7 (10)

Commentary

Students were more successful in finding the right dictionary entry than in extracting the required information. Overall, about 10 percent more students succeeded well in 2001 than in 1997. This task paralleled the year 8 task *Dictionary Find* (opposite page).



rangatira Māori chief, an important person

smart 1 dressed well
That hat looks very smart.
2 neat and tidy
If you comb your hair, you'll look much smarter.
3 clever
What a smart dog!
4 to feel a stinging pain
The sting made his hand smart.

achievement something difficult or special that you have done
Winning the medal was a great achievement.

