

## Which Book? (Y4)

## TREND TASK

**Approach:** Station

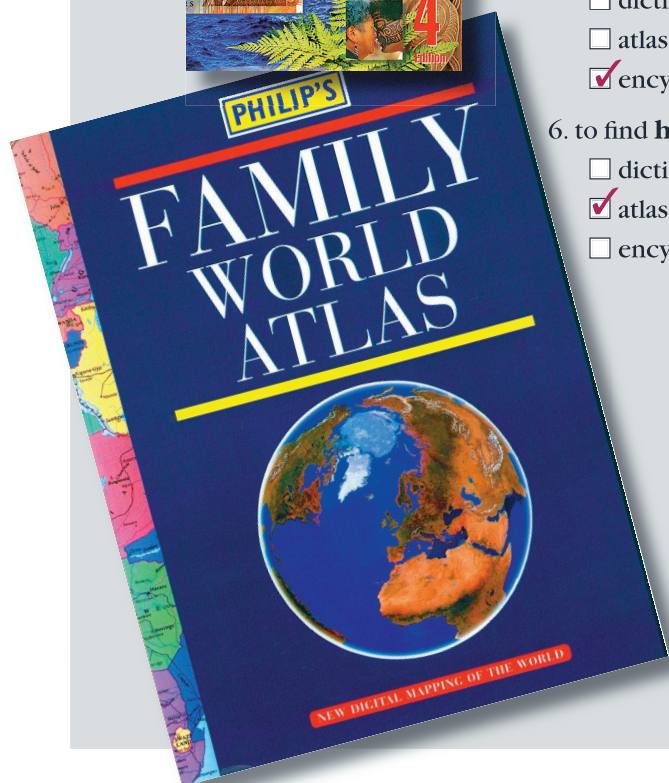
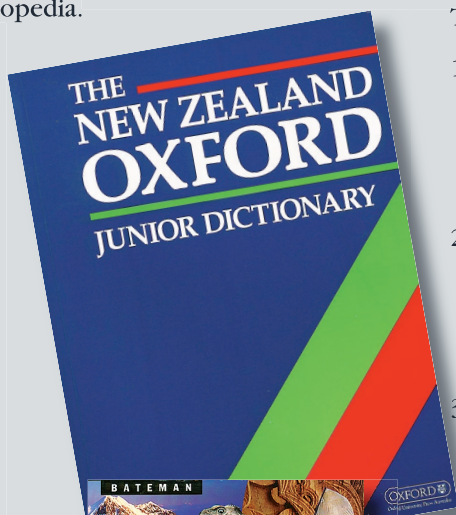
**Level:** Year 4

**Focus:** Choosing appropriate reference books for task.

**Resources:** Front covers of dictionary, atlas and encyclopedia.

**Questions/instructions**

These are covers of three books that can be used to get information. They are a dictionary, an atlas and an encyclopedia.



Tick (✓) the best book to use:

1. to check the **spelling of measles**.

- ☒ dictionary  
☐ atlas  
☐ encyclopaedia

82 (76)

2. to find out **what pukeko eat**.

- ☐ dictionary  
☐ atlas  
☒ encyclopaedia

78 (82)

3. to find the **meaning of mutiny**.

- ☒ dictionary  
☐ atlas  
☐ encyclopaedia

56 (67)

4. to see the **shape of the Lake Taupo coastline**.

- ☐ dictionary  
☒ atlas  
☐ encyclopaedia

75 (79)

5. to **read about the Māori chief Te Rauparaha**.

- ☐ dictionary  
☐ atlas  
☒ encyclopaedia

77 (85)

6. to find **how far it is from Auckland to Napier**.

- ☐ dictionary  
☒ atlas  
☐ encyclopaedia

82 (85)

**Total score:** 6 36 (42)

5 24 (25)

4 15 (15)

3 11 (8)

2 9 (6)

0-1 5 (4)

% responses  
2001 ('97)  
**year 4**

**Commentary**

About 60 percent of students got no more than one choice wrong. The 2001 students performed similarly overall to the 1997 students. This task paralleled the year 8 task, *Which Book* (opposite).