

Approach: Station
 Focus: Selecting information from a library catalogue
 Resources: 5 catalogue records, answer booklet

Questions / instructions:

Fish /
 by Clark, Elizabeth.
 Hove, East Sussex : Wayland, 1989.
Subjects
 • Fishes -- Juvenile literature.
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 • Cookery (Fish) -- Juvenile literature.
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 • Cookery (Fish)

Description: 32 p. : col. ill. ; 21 x 22 cm.
Series: Food.
Notes: For 8-12 year olds -- Education Services, Wellington, N.Z.
Summary: Discusses the role of fish in history and describes how they are caught, processed, and prepared for food. Suggested level: primary, intermediate.
No. of Holds: 0

Shellfish aren't fish /
 by Fowler, Allan.
 New York : Children's Press, c1998.
Subjects
 • Mollusks -- Juvenile literature.
 • Mollusks.

Description: 31 p. : col. ill. ; 19 cm.
Series: Rookie read-about science
Notes: Includes index.
Summary: Provides information about oysters, clams, scallops, and mussels--sea animals that live in shells.
No. of Holds: 0

Selfish shellfish
 Wellington, N.Z. : Fatcat & Fishface, p1999.
Subjects
 • Children's songs -- New Zealand.
 • New Zealand wit and humour.

Organization/Group: Fatcat & Fishface (Musical group)
Description: 1 sound disc : digital ; 4 3/4 in.
Notes: All songs written, performed and produced by the group.
Contents: It's for you -- Selfish shellfish -- Frozen -- Vegemite spread -- Gimme -- Living in the city -- Death of a guinea pig -- Bite -- My Mother's locked out of the house -- Eel -- Inish itty - Big moon -- It's for you.
No. of Holds: 0

New Zealand shells and shell fish.
 by Pownall, Glen
 Wellington, Seven Seas Publishing Pty, 2000
Subjects
 • Shells -- New Zealand -- Identification.

Description: 87 p. illus. (part col.), map, 26 cm.
Summary: Provides information about oysters, clams, scallops, and mussels--sea animals that live in shells.
No. of Holds: 0

Jive's pipi diggers /
 by King, Phillippa.
 Auckland, N.Z. : Puffin Books, 2003.
Subjects
 • Shellfish gathering -- Fiction.
 • Seashore -- Fiction.
 • Mother and child -- Fiction.
 • Toes -- Fiction.
 • New Zealand -- Fiction.
 • Children's stories, New Zealand.

Description: 1 v. (unpaged) : col. ill. ; 19 x 26 cm.
Summary: Jive's parents are always kissing his toes and telling him what wonderful pipi diggers he has But Jive has no idea what pipi diggers are until one special day he and his mother go down to the seashore to gather kaimoana. Suggested level: junior, primary.
No. of Holds: 0

Tui wants a book that will give her good information on New Zealand shellfish for a school project. She looked up the library catalogue and found five books she could use.

- Look at the catalogue records about each book.
- Choose the book that you think is the **best** for Tui's project. Write down the book title.

Jive's Pippi Diggers
 ✓ New Zealand Shells and Shellfish
 Selfish Shellfish
 Shellfish aren't Fish
 Fish

- Why is this the best book for Tui's project?

Mentioned: non-fiction (*not fiction*)
 about New Zealand
 shellfish specifically as opposed to fish

Total Score:
 4
 3
 2
 1
 0

% response
 2009 ('05)
 year 8

3 (4)
 69 (61)
 3 (4)
 12 (21)
 4 (2)

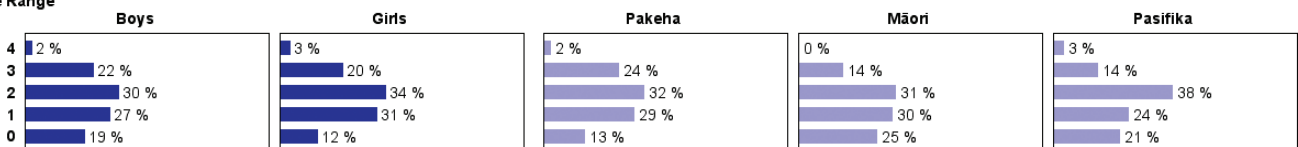
8 (10)
 21 (23)
 66 (73)

2 (4)
 21 (16)
 32 (38)
 29 (28)
 16 (14)

Subgroup Analyses:

Year 8

Score Range



Commentary:

Most children at year 8 were able to select the best book from among five possibilities and give a rationale for their selection. Performance was similar in 2005 and 2009. Pakeha and Pasifika students slightly outperformed Māori students.