

Approach: Station  
 Focus: Evaluating and comparing websites  
 Resources: List of sites, 3 articles

**Questions / instructions:**

“Goldfish have a memory span of three seconds”

1. Which websites say this is **not** true?  
 Circle the numbers.

[See page adjacent for list of websites]

website 1   website 2   website 3   website 4   website 5   website 6

- Circled:**
- ✓ website 1
  - ✓ website 2
  - website 3
  - website 4
  - website 5
  - ✓ website 6

2. The **three articles** are from different websites.  
 They have information about goldfish memory.  
 Which website do you think could have the **most reliable** information? Circle the letter.

[See page adjacent for articles from websites]

website A   website B   website C

- Circled:**
- website A
  - website B
  - ✓ website C

3. What are your reasons for choosing this site?

**Trustworthiness of site in general:**

[ABC News (C): tend to give accurate information, check their sources.]

Blog (A): handles a whole range of issues and relies on ideas submitted by people somewhat haphazardly.

Ezine (B): appears likely to be somewhat selective in what goes in, refers to expert, has list below.]

- comparative 9
- single site 15

**Arguments about specific evidence on the three sites:**

- comparative 3
- single site 27

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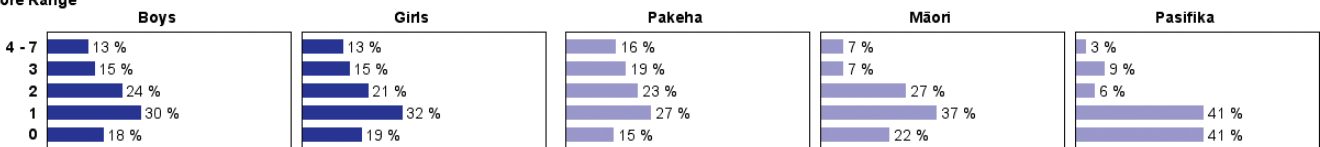
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**Subgroup Analyses:**

Year 8

Score Range



**Commentary:**

This task required students to look at the reliability of various websites and to compare their reliability. This was very difficult for most students to do, with half of the students receiving a mark of 1 or 0.