Trend Task: World Wide

Approach: Station

Focus: Knowledge of world geography

Resources: Computer program on laptop computer

Questions / instructions:

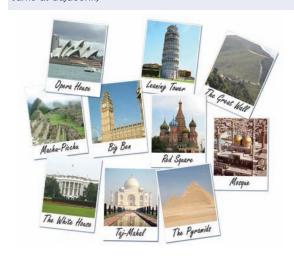
This activity uses the computer.

Click on the button that says World Wide.



VOICE-OVER AND ONSCREEN INSTRUCTIONS:

Click the spot to show the country where each site is found. (Each location then given by voice-over and onscreen, same as adjacent.)



Correctly located:

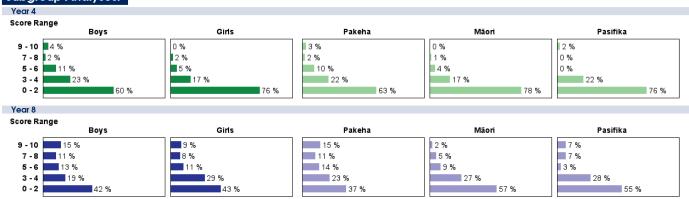
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Year: 4 & 8

year 4 year 8

Total Score: 2 (1) 12 (12) 9-10 7–8 2 (2) 10 (13) 8 (4) 12 (16) 5-6 3-4 21 (24) 24 (23) 40 (33) 1-2 58 (56) 0 10 (13) 3 (3)

Subgroup Analyses:



Commentary:

On average, about 16% more year 8 than year 4 students were able to locate specific countries on a world map. Approximately 90% of year 8 students compared to 67% of year 4 students were able to locate Australia. The only other country located by more than half of the year 8 students was Russia. Performance was very similar in 2005 and 2009. Year 4 boys scored significantly higher than girls.