

Approach: Station

Focus: Selecting appropriate questions

Year: 4 & 8

Resources: Photo of Prime Minister, 11 question cards

Questions / instructions:

The Prime Minister is going to talk to a class about being a Prime Minister.

The class made up some questions to ask the Prime Minister.



1.
What do you like doing most as Prime Minister?

2.
How do you get to be the Prime Minister?

3.
Who do you think is the best rugby team in New Zealand?

4.
Do you drive your own car or does someone drive for you?

5.
What did you do before you were the Prime Minister?

6.
What does a Prime Minister have to be good at doing?

7.
What is the best country you have been to?

8.
Have you met the Queen or other members of the Royal family?

9.
What does a Prime Minister do?

10.
What are the hardest things a Prime Minister has to do?

11.
Do you know how many people live in New Zealand?

There are too many questions.

- Choose **5** of the questions that you think would be good to find out about being a Prime Minister.
- Write the number of each question card in these boxes:

1st question	
2nd question	
3rd question	
4th question	
5th question	

		% response 2005 ('01)	
		year 4	year 8
Best choices:	question 1	52 (73)	65 (69)
	question 2	63 (58)	77 (72)
	question 5	63 (53)	64 (60)
	question 6	51 (48)	73 (72)
	question 9	47 (48)	75 (75)
	question 10	60 (66)	82 (89)

Total score:	5	19 (23)	59 (63)
	4	26 (27)	25 (20)
	3	33 (28)	11 (11)
	2	16 (16)	4 (5)
	1	4 (6)	1 (1)
	0	2 (0)	0 (0)

Commentary:

Forty percent more year 8 than year 4 students identified five appropriate questions to ask the Prime Minister. There was little change between 2001 and 2005.