

# Trend Task: Holiday Fun

Approach: Station  
 Focus: Comprehension  
 Resources: Computer program on laptop computer

Year: 4 & 8

## Questions / instructions:

This activity uses the computer.

Click on the button that says **Holiday Fun**.

[Series of stills, each accompanied by an on-screen instruction to click on a specific object, which activates a simple animation; animation is followed by a related question and student is instructed to click correct answer from multichoice options. All instructions and question/answer mechanisms are on-screen, as per text below.]

What did the boy catch with his rod?

- A big fat fish.
- A wet old boot.
- A croaking frog.
- A very unhappy worm.

Click on the best answer.

It's holiday time. You are going to see some interesting things as you travel around.

### Scene 1:

There is a boy on the bridge with a fishing rod. He is trying to catch a fish.



Click on the boy to see what he gets.

What did the boy catch with his rod?  
Click the best answer.

- a big fat fish
- a wet old boot
- a croaking frog
- a very unhappy worm

% response  
2008 ('04)  
year 4 year 8

✓ 93 (91) 94 (94)

### Scene 2:

People can choose to live in a tent that has things they enjoy. Click on the tent for people who like books.

Look carefully at these books. You will be asked a question about them. When you are ready, click on the open book to continue.



How many of these books are not about animals? Click the best answer.

2 4 **6** 8

✓ 83 (68) 92 (85)

### Scene 3:

It's a great day at the beach.



Click on the sandcastle with a feather on top.

What was living inside the castle?  
Click the best answer.

- a king sitting on his throne
- a bird laying fresh eggs
- a fish eating chips
- a crab playing with a ball

% response  
2008 ('04)  
year 4 year 8

✓ 95 (92) 99 (98)

### Scene 4:

There are plenty of things happening at the circus.






Click on the clown who is wearing the green pants.

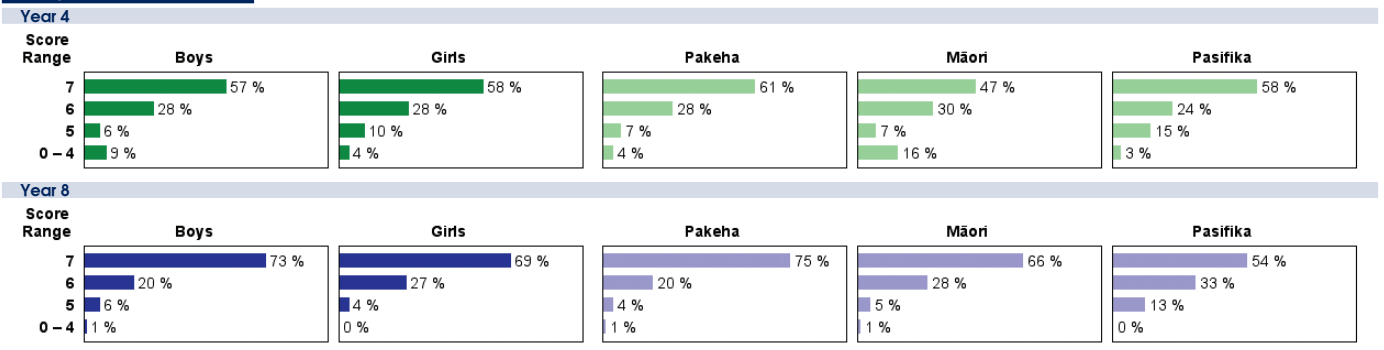
What happened to the clown?  
Click on the best answer.

- He danced a happy dance.
- He exploded into thin air.
- He ran away to hide.
- He played with a big balloon.

✓ 90 (90) 97 (97)

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<p><b>Scene 5:</b> Swimming down the chutes is really cool on a hot day. The green frog is having as much fun as the children.</p> 	<p>What happens when you click on the green frog?</p> <p>What did the green frog do? Click on the best answer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It blew bubbles down the chute.</li> <li>It disappeared altogether.</li> <li>It turned into a lovely princess.</li> <li>It croacked a froggy sound. ✓</li> </ul>	95 (95)	99 (98)	<p><b>Scene 7:</b> Holiday fun is finishing with a feast. The little dog near the tent is up to mischief.</p> 	<p>Click on the little dog to see what he does.</p> <p>What did the little dog do? Click the best answer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It chewed a boy's shoe.</li> <li>It pulled down a tent.</li> <li>It took one of the sausages. ✓</li> <li>It took a lot of sausages.</li> </ul>	91 (90)	97 (97)
<p><b>Scene 6:</b> Animal World is always a popular place to visit on holidays. The animals are really cute. What happens when you click on the goat that said Maa?</p> 	<p>What did the goat do? Click on the best answer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It jumped onto another rock. ✓</li> <li>It wagged its tail happily.</li> <li>It jumped off the rock onto the grass.</li> <li>It kicked the boy with its hind legs.</li> </ul>	81 (78)	86 (84)	<p><b>Total score:</b></p> <p>7 58 (49) 71 (66)</p> <p>6 28 (28) 23 (26)</p> <p>5 7 (13) 5 (6)</p> <p>0-4 7 (10) 1 (2)</p>			

**Subgroup Analyses:**



**Commentary:**

This task involved both reading and responding appropriately on a laptop computer. It was handled well by all subgroups at both year levels. At year 4 level, performance was slightly higher in 2008 than in 2004. Year 4 Pasifika students performed similarly to Pakeha students on this task.