

Approach: Station
 Focus: Writing instructions
 Resources: Map

Year: 4 & 8

Questions / instructions:

The map shows the town where Ani lives.
 Write directions for getting from the bus stop to Ani's house.

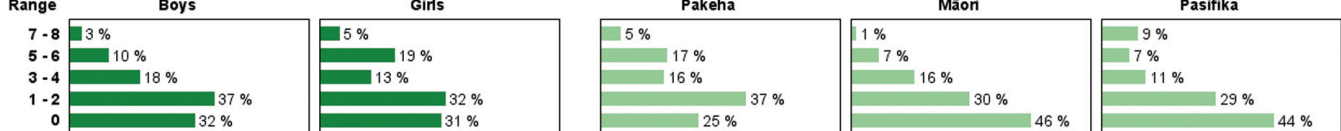


	% response 2006 ('02)			% response 2006 ('02)	
	year 4	year 8		year 4	year 8
Directions included:			street names	68 (66)	92 (90)
			turns (e.g. left/right)	54 (41)	64 (62)
			compass directions (N, S, E, W)	20 (31)	42 (38)
			particular landmarks (other than street names)	23 (17)	30 (20)
Directions from the particular corner given:			Directions included elements likely to produce confidence when followed:		
accurate and efficient	11 (13)	42 (33)	yes, to a high degree	5 (4)	41 (38)
accurate but not optimal	12 (7)	23 (27)	yes, to a moderate extent	31 (20)	37 (42)
ambiguous, but some interpretation(s) would work	34 (33)	23 (24)	no	64 (76)	22 (20)
no	43 (47)	12 (16)	Total score:	7-8	4 (7)
directions make clear where Ani's house is (e.g. corner of Barr St and Browns Rd, end of Barr St)	12 (9)	44 (44)		5-6	14 (4)
				3-4	16 (15)
				1-2	35 (37)
				0	31 (37)
					9 (10)

Subgroup Analyses:

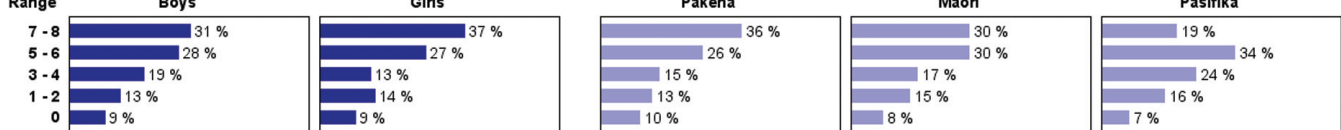
Year 4

Score Range



Year 8

Score Range



Commentary:

In general, year 8 students performed much better than year 4 students on this task. There was little change between 2002 and 2006 at either year level. Boys and girls performed comparably at both year levels, as did year 8 Pakeha and Māori students.