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Reference Sources

Different reference sources can be used to find information. Some examples are a **telephone directory**, **almanac**, **atlas**, **dictionary**, and **encyclopedia**.



Directions Write which of the five reference sources should be used for each situation below. Explain your answers.

1. Shawna plans to buy a popular toy as a gift for her cousin. She wants to find a store that sells the toy.

2. Sho reads a word he does not know in a magazine article. He wants to find its meaning.

3. Alan wants to find out the average temperature each month for different cities.

4. Gina's family is planning a ski trip in another state. They will be driving to the mountains and want to know how to get there.

5. Troy is writing a report about several U.S. Presidents. He wants to find the years that they were in office.



Home Activity Your child determined what kind of reference source to use for locating specific information. Display a few references you have at home. Ask your child to describe a situation in which each reference might be used.