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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.

**telephone directory—to find phone numbers for toy stores**

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

**dictionary—to find the meaning of the word**

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

**almanac—to find information about weather in different places**

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.

**atlas—to plan the route**

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

**encyclopedia—to look up facts**



**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.