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Choosing Sources

Sources - where you find information

References provide a broad, factual overview on a variety of topics. They can be in book form or online.

- **Encyclopedia** - often multi-volume sets, broad overviews of topics
- **Almanac** - facts and statistics
- **Atlas** - collection of maps
- **Dictionary** - definitions, spellings, uses and word origin
- **Thesaurus** - dictionary of synonyms

Websites are documents found on the Internet. They can provide the most current and updated information.

Books are going to give detailed, specific information.

Interviews are a primary source, or first-hand account to get information.

Periodicals include magazines and newspapers which contain current events or features reporting.

For each situation, choose the best source to use. Circle the letter of the answer.

1. Zoe is doing a report on Zimbabwe and needs to know what the country's average temperature is in winter. Where should she look first?

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| A. dictionary | C. television |
| B. almanac | D. newspaper |

2. Brian needs to know the distance between Brussels and Brisbane. What source should he use first?

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| A. interview a geography teacher | C. newspaper |
| B. encyclopedia | D. atlas |

3. Michael wants the latest medical news about the flu. Which of the following would provide him the latest research information?

A. book

C. website

B. atlas

D. newspaper

4. Ben is doing research on zebras and wants to get good general background information on the animal. Where should he look first?

A. newspaper

C. encyclopedia

B. almanac

D. interview someone on a safari

5. Kylie wants to know what the day of a teacher is like. What source should she use?

A. dictionary

C. encyclopedia

B. interview a teacher

D. website

6. Jessie wants to read about the airport expansion project currently take place in her city. Where should she go for information?

A. encyclopedia

C. local newspaper

B. almanac

D. book

7. Claire wants to find specific information about volcanoes. The Internet is down. Where should she look?

A. book

C. atlas

B. local newspaper

D. encyclopedia

Correct answers: 1.B. almanac 2. D. atlas 3. C. website 4. C. encyclopedia 5. B. interview a teacher

6. C. local newspaper 7. A. book